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THE SNOW

BY IDALIA.

Softly, airily falls the snow,
Its soft flakes floating calmand slow
From the dull, gray sky to the earth below.
Swifter and swifter the great stars fall
Till the cold, pure vail is over all,
And familiar scenes, in mystic white,
Gleam ghastly strange in the shimmering
light.

Oh, the snow, the snow, the beautiful snow!
Calmly it floats from its home on high,
Through the frosty air from the clouded sky
To rest on the earth below.

Langhing and shouting, wild with glee,
Bright eyes dancing the snow to see,
The little ones welcome it merrily.
In frolicsome sport the snowballs fly,
And ready are all the sleds to try
In famous coasting down the steep hill,
Stretching before them so calm and still.
Oh, the snow, the suow, the merry white snow!
Coming to earth in a dizzy dance,
As a light breeze gives it another chance
In a last quick whirl to go.

In a last quick whiri to go:
Thinly wrapped in her ragged shaw!,
A poor child weeps as star-flakes fall,
And the cold, white snow gathers over all.
Now Winter has come with cold and sleet,
Bitter indeed to little bare feet.
Ah, Poverty's child well knows 'tis sad
To those half-sheltered and poorly clad t
Oh, the snow, the snow, the pitiless snow!
Paying no heed to the helpless cry,
The faltering step or the tearful eye;
But seeming to mock at woe.

A young girl, from her casement high,
Looks up at the lowering sky,
And smiles as still swifter the snow-flakes fly.
In castle-building she seems to hear
The merry music of bells draw near,
And laughs as she fancies how swift and light
The sleighs will glide o'er the road to-night.
Oh, the snow, the crystalline, dazzling snow!
How it will glimmer, and glitter, and gleam
When the moon shall cast a ling'ring beam
On the fun and mirth below. When the moon shall cast On the fun and mirth below.

One whose black robe and tearful eye
Tell of her grief, watches the sky,
And moans as she utters the mournful cry:
"Only a week since our home, so sad.
With baby-prattle and glee was glad;
And there was the patter of little feet,
Music to mother-heart ever sweet.
Oh, the snow, the awful and solemn snow!
Each icy flake on my heart doth fall,
For it is spreading its dead-white pall
On my darling's grave, I know."

An aged man, with heavy sigh,
Murmurs, "I'll lay me down to die,
And the snow will cover me by and by.
It comes so fast that it blinds my sight;
I have lost the road, but feel to-night
That life's sad journey is near its close.
The snow shall cover me when day glows.
Oh, the enow, the pitying, shelt'ring snow!
It shall spread o'er me its mantle white,
And hide from the cold world's scornful sight
My misery, sin and woe,"

My misery, sin and woe.' A poor girl walks through cold and sleet,
From dally toil, through dark ning street,
To the only welcome she ll ever meet:
A fireless garret, a crust of bread,
And barely a shelter for her head.
Ah, me," she sighs, "for the blessed rest
Of those who sleep on the Savior's breast!
Yet, patience! The pure white, innocent snowWhen another winter shall have come,
And I am safe in my last long home,
Will cover my grave below."
Colvals, steedily, fulls the news

Calmly, steadily falls the snow,
From distant sky to earth below,
Alike on the scenes of mirth and woe,
Alike it has come to happy and sad,
Alike to the rich and poorly clad.
It has danced and whirled through frosty air,
Or floated down calm, serene and fair!
Oh, the strange impartial, passionless snow!
At night the moonbeams shall softly gleam
On Earth, asleep in a still white dream,
Wrapped in its mystic glow.

Julia's Peril:

THE WIFE'S VICTORY

A STORY OF LOVE, FOLLY, AND REPENTANCE.

BY BARTLEY T. CAMPBELL, AUTHOR OF "IN THE WEE," "OUT IN THE WORLD,"

> CHAPTER V. JOHN NEVIN.

A JUNE sun is setting, round and red, behind the Highlands of the Hudson, and the mighty river, with its majestic sweep, is wrapt in sombre shadows, only the highest cliffs catching the reflected radiance of the bright-hued clouds which drift everywhere, from horizon to zenith, like crimson and gold fantasies through a land of en-

Oak Manor, standing as it does on one of the highest knobs, still basks in the light, and Alice Houston and Mabel Lynn are walking up and down the broad piazza, arm in arm.

Two years have passed since Mabel first came to Oak Manor, and these two years have done much for her. She has grown round and plump, and, perhaps, three inches taller, giving her form a lithe, though wo-manly appearance; and, while Alice is dark and radiantly beautiful, Mabel is all tenderness and sweetness. Her hair is possibly a darker shade of gold, but it is gold still, fine, flossy gold, such as peris might have tucked up with crystal combs in Oriental caves, ere Tom Moore's poesy made known their beauty to the world.

Life has been very pleasant to her since the date of her adoption by Captain Hous-ton, and she and Alice have learned to love each other very dearly.

They are talking now of their projected trip to Newport, and planning little excursions among the Highlands, after they come

"You have never seen the sea, Mabel?" exclaimed Alice; "but when you do, you will just go wild over it. The white sandy beach, and the great green waves. Oh, it is so beautiful." is so beautiful.

'But, not half so beautiful as Mabel's self," said a voice close behind the girls, and turning, they met the gaze of Captain Houston. By his side stood a gentleman of thirty-three, or thereabouts. An exceedingly stylish and handsome man he was, although

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Laura turned deathly pale, and trembled like an aspen. "It's Gilbert Rook," she said.

there was a certain air about him that had a tendency to make him look grave, or sad, or both.

'Alice, can you guess who this is?" asked "No, sir," darting a quick glance upward, and then dropping her eyes again, her face suffused with blushes.

The stranger smiled, and Mabel thought she never had seen as handsome a man in her whole life before.

"This, then, is John Nevin," said the captain, with a chuckle, and evidently en-

joying his daughter's embarrasment.
She was about to rush to his arms, but when she looked up into his earnest eyes, she restrained herself, and said, simply:

"Cousin John, you are welcome to Oak Manor." They shook hands; but, notwithstanding, the reception was a little cool, when it is remembered that these two were betrothed to each other. But John Nevin did not seem

to expect any thing more, and he simply said in return Thank you! I'll try and deserve your

Mabel was then introduced by Captain Houston to the stranger, and the latter, af-ter looking at her for a moment, said, in his usual grave way:

"Miss Lynn, I have surely seen you somewhere before, or at least, somebody who resembles you a great deal. Ah, yes! I remember now; you are the very image of a dear friend whom I met and was intimate with in Europe—Laura Robsart. Did you over know a ledy of that nome?"

ever know a lady of that name "No; I never knew a lady of that name," answered Mabel, smiling a little. John Nevin did not smile in return, but

bit his lip, and muttered to himself: "How like she is to Laura—how arry like!" Then he proposed a stroll in the grove; the girls accepted, and for the next hour John Nevin regaled them with his European experiences. He told them of his trip up the Rhine; of Erbach and Darmstadt; of Cologne and Strausburgh; of picture-

galleries and old cathedrals. His voice was deep and earnest, and though it was of but the most trivial matter he spoke, the calm dignity of his words

his auditors all attention. "It was at Rheims I first met Laura Robsart," he said, "whom I have already spoken of as the counterpart of Miss Mabel here. We traveled in the same diligence for thirty miles, and when we reached the village of Evfert, her father-in-law, who was her sole traveling companion, became very ill—in fact, I thought he would die ere we reached the inn."

"It was an awkward position for a lady," remarked Alice; "alone, and in a strange country, with a dying man."

"Yes, very awkward, and Miss Robsart realized this keenly," he replied. "But, then, Laura was not a weakish woman, nor

his face was burned with tropic suns, and | one easily frightened or nonplussed, so she | her marble shoulders, and then she asked, at once asked my assistance to help the invalid from the creaking old vehicle to the inn, and when I had done so, she said: 'You being an American, as we are, I am em-boldened to ask you if you would please secure us seats in the diligence that leaves to-morrow for Cologne. We intend to rest there until my father-in-law recovers suffi-

ciently to travel further." Did you do so?" asked Mabel, interest-

ed in the story. "Of course I did. Men are not apt to disoblige beautiful women, Miss Lynn, es-pecially when they are not seriously inconvenienced by the performance of the gallantry, and Laura was beautiful-very, very

Mabel blushed as he said this, remembering what he had said of a resemblance between her and Laura; and Alice, coloring slightly, asked:

Was she a widow?" "Yes. I afterward learned from her own lips that her husband died in Califor-

'Did her father-in-law die abroad?" questioned Alice.

"No; I went with them to Cologne, and remained there for three months. On sev-eral occasions he was on the brink of the grave, but by tender nursing, on the part of Laura, he was brought through; and two years ago, when I parted with them at Antwerp, he was as sound physically as I am

When the trio returned to the house, the lamps were lit in the grand saloon.

"Play something for us, Alice, will you?" asked John Nevin; "and you, Miss Mabel,

sing. I know you can sing."

Alice played, with dashing vivaciousness of manner, a sprightly air; then the accom-paniment to a song of welcome, which Mabel sung with fervor and brilliancy, and when the music ceased, John Nevin thanked his entertainers, and by request sung an old, quaint, dreary German song himself.

The lamps were burning low and the moonlight was streaming in through the half-open windows, and falling in light, fantastic shapes on the velvet carpet, when the two girls bid John good-night, and tripped up-stairs to bed.
"Oh, Mabel, ain't he handsome?" exclaim-

ed Alice, as soon as they had reached their chamber, clasping her hands together and drawing a long breath. 'Yes," answered Mabel, "but not very

affectionate. Cold as an iceberg, and gloomy as one of those old cathedrals he seems so "But he will not be so after he is better acquainted," said Alice. "Besides, he seemed warm enough at times."
"Yes—when he spoke of Laura."

Alice's eyes dropped, and her heart gave a great, apprehensive bound.

Nothing further was said until Alice had all her purple black hair floating around with an earnestness in her voice altogether rare

'Do you think, Mabel, John loves Mrs. Robsart ?" Mabel was surprised at .he question, but she adroitly managed to conceal her sur-

prise, and answered "How absurd! Has not John Nevin been engaged to you ever so many years, and is not this Laura—what did he call her?"

Robsart. "Yes; this Laura Robsart a widow, and "But men, he says she is beautiful, and

men sometimes have such queer tastes Mabel looked at the speaker, as she sat on the bedside, combing her hair with her fingers in an abstracted way, and thought to herself—"Laura Robsart must be very beautiful, indeed, if she wins John Nevin from you.

Meanwhile John Nevin was strolling up and down the path between the double row of red oaks in front of the house, thinking of the past, of the old world, and of the golden-haired vision that never left him for a moment.

CHAPTER VI.

LAURA, THE BEAUTIFUL.

THE Ocean House, Newport, was thronged with guests, and the brilliant ball-room was aglow with beauty. Bright eyes and diamonds sparkled in rivalry, and the giddy dancers floated around the glittering room to the sweet, voluptuous strains of Offenbach, or sauntered out on the colon-

nades, or to the beach, under the star-lit sky. Mabel and Alice were delighted. It was their first night at Newport, and they stood by one of the windows, and watched the dancers, while John Nevin pointed out the celebrities to them. Mabel could scarce restrain herself from giving expression to her wonderment and pleasure

Who is that lady there, Ansen?" asked a young man addressing another who stood close to John. Which one?"

"That one there, standing at the opposite window, in blue silk, with the yellowish hair in such abundance. Oh, that's a new arrival; just got here to-

day—a widow. Stylish, ain't she?"
"Very. What's her name?"
"I heard it, but I can't remember now. Sounds something like Roberts, but it ain't that.' John Nevin glanced carelessly in the di-

rection pointed out by the speaker; then an exclamation of delight escaped him. "That's she!" he said, turning to his companions—"that's Laura—Mrs. Robsart, I mean." Alice's black eyes sought out the fair face, and devoured it for an instant; then

her heart sunk, and she said: "She is very lovely."
Yes; Mabel even acknowledged that she was very pretty, although, for her part, being light herself, she preferred dark beau--like Alice.

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Just then, Captain Houston came up with the son of an old friend, an artist, George Dalby, and after the introductions had been got through with, John Nevin excused himself, and went off in quest of Laura Robsart.

Mr. Dalby was agreeable, full of compliments and pretty sayings, and he at once endeavored to interest Alice and Mabel, in the gossip of the place; but, although the former smiled often, her eyes were wandering everywhere in search of that cold, silent man-John Nevin-whom she was every

day learning to love more passionately. "Will the ladies take a stroll in the open air?" asked Mr. Dalby. "The moon is rising, now, and the beach will be thronged

directly."
"Yes," said Mabel, noticing Alice's abstraction, "let us go." Grandly the moon arose out of the Atlantic's vast wilderness of waters, lighting up the shore, and painting a sheeny path of silver on the waves.
"You should paint this picture, Mr. Dal-

by," said Mabel, filled with admiration.
"I have a half a dozen such views in my
New York studio," he answered; "but they don't sell. Everybody who fancies he can paint, tries moonlit seas, and consequently they are a drug on the market." "I think a good picture of this would sell, though."

"Would you buy one?"
"I? Oh, I can't afford it."
"What if I should paint one—just as a reminder of our first meeting-would you give the poor daub a place in your room? She looked into his eyes; they were frank and manly, and she said, in reply: That is too much work, Mr. Dalby.

can't accept."

He interrupted her. "We will say nothing more about it, now, Miss Lynn." Then, turning to Alice, who had all this time been silent, "Miss Houston is under a cloud, like the bright moon, just now, and while we talk she thinks."

Alice started. "Pardon me, I was look-

ing at the sea." The sea is not sensitive, Miss Houston; it don't mind being stared at, and in that respect it differs from most beauties—eh?" The two girls laughed at the odd conceit. Mabel was beginning to admire this gay, handsome, chatty young man, and Alice thought him very nice for a new acquaint-

Crowds of people, now, were strolling up and down the beach, or standing in knots upon the white sand.

Mr. Dalby knew a great many; he had been a regular visitor at Newport for five consecutive seasons, and, as he walked along, he entertained the girls with stories of gayety and love-making, some of which he had only heard, but a great many of

which he knew either one or both of the

parties concerned.

"Do you see that tall gentleman, there, with the lightish suit, talking to the lady in mourning?" he asked.

Yes, they saw him distinctly.

Yes, they saw him distinctly.

"Well, you could scarce believe it; but that man left his wife and two children in London, to follow a young widow, with whom he became infatuated while spending a season at Bath."

"Indeed!" said Mabel, shocked at the revelation.

"But what brought him to America."

"She of course! She is an American.

America?"
"She, of course! She is an American, and he followed her:

must be a very wicked woman, said Alice

"On the contrary, she has the reputation of being a very kind lady. It wasn't her fault. She did not ask his admiration or love. He simply fell; wasn't knocked

down."
"What brought him to Newport?"
It was Mabel who spoke, with her eyes riveted on the strange man.

"Why, she came here, and he must needs follow her, as if she were an ignis fatuus.

"Is that her in black, talking to him now?" asked Alice.

"Oh, no, bless your soul! She don't speak to him at all," answered the artist.
"Tis said she begged of him to return to his family, when she first met him here, and on his refusal she bid him never recog-

And does he?" asked Mabel, her eyes still fixed on the man.

No, he never does. Whenever she appears in the drive, however, he manages to get pretty close to her, and when she walks he follows her with his eyes. It's a clear case of lunacy, I think; mild, but dengerate."

A woman's laugh—rippling, silvery, joyous, sounded close behind our friends, and then George Dalby whispered: That's the lady, now-the beautiful wi-

The two girls glanced to the right, from whence the peal of laughter had come, and there, in the moonlight, they saw Laura Robsart leaning on the arm of John Nevin! She was looking up into his face, and the moonbeams fell full upon hers, making it

look white as marble, and rarely beautiful indeed. Her golden hair fell in waves upon her shoulders, screened now from the falling dew by a heavy shawl of genuine thread lace, and at her white rounded throat a great diamond burned like a coal of fire.

John Nevin was talking to her in a low, subdued voice—so low that none heard him, subdued voice—so low that none heard him,

save herself, and she answered with occa-sional merry bursts of laughter. They pressed close to Dalby and his companions, but so rapt up were they in each other, that, although Alice could have laid her hand on John Nevin's arm, he did not

They walked on and on, until the amber mist, which was beginning to curtain in the scene, hid them from view, and close behind them, like a gray shadow of despair, walked the man whose wife and children

waited for him beyond the ocean. When Mabel saw John Nevin with Laura Robsart, whom she now regarded as a dangerous woman, she felt her indignation rising against him.

Why should he have come back to awa ken a love in Alice Houston's simple, girlish heart, when he was so completely in the meshes of this woman; and why had he not the courage to ask a release from an engagement made so many years ago, that it could not be considered binding on either?
"He must be either a weak or a wicked

man," she muttered to nersett.

These thoughts flashed through her brain the proving how very in an instant, and then, noticing how very white and ghostly Alice was, Let's go back to the hotel. It's getting

ehilly."

"The dew is very heavy," remarked Dalby. "Are you cold, Miss Alice?"

Dalby. "Are you cold, Miss Alice?" She was all of a shiver now, and she shut her teeth firmly together to prevent them

"Yes, very cold. Let's go back."
She thanked George Dalby when he folded her wrap close about her, and then, casting a lingering, yearning look in the direction John Nevin had disappeared, she took the young artist's arm, and they began to retrace their steps.

CHAPTER VII. ROCKLEDGE.

ELTON ROBSART occupied the handsomest cottage at Newport. It stood on a ledge of rocks about a mile from the Ocean House, and overlooked the sea. It was called Rock ledge, and was splendidly furnished throughout; the floors covered with velvet and rich Brussels, and the windows draped in finest tapestry, even to the floors. There was a wide colonnade in front, up the snowy columns of which dark vines clambered, and festoons from the eaves, dotted here and there with red berries, which look ed very much, when ripe, like drops of blood. In the large airy drawing-room sat Elton Robsart, reading Goldsmith's "Animated Nature." He was apparently sixty years old, although he might have been younger by half a decade. Starting out in life with a handsome face, form and fortune he had led a wild, reckless, voluptuous life until at forty he found himself a mere wreck, both morally and physically. His wife, whom he married shortly after reaching his majority, bore him but one child, and then being a weak woman, folded he hands meekly over her breast, and drifted into eternity. Her memory, and his son Cleve, were all he had to live for, and these he either thought too insignificant to influence him, or else-and this is altogether the most likely-he never thought of them at all, until he returned from a ten years jaunt through Europe, to find Cleve a youn man of twenty, and himself a decrepid. worn-out roue, not far from forty,

This awakened him to a sense of his situation, and he set about educating his boy after his own peculiar ideas, and to building up his shattered constitution by a free use of drugs and exercise. He took too much of both, and became an invalid, and Cleve whose moral training amounted to nothing grew tired of the old gentleman's exactions and ran off to the west.

This affected old Elton seriously; he believed his son was ungrateful and hardhearted, and in his fury he burned the three letters Cleve sent him. He knew from the postmarks they were from the west, but that was all. A few years of silence between him and his wayward child caused him to relent, and when he was thinking about advertising for the absentee, in the western papers, a young woman wrote to

him from Baltimore, saying that she was the widow of Cleve Robsart, and that the latter had died in the mines of California.

He telegraphed for her to come to him at

He telegraphed for her to come to him at once, and the next day the steamer bound for Norfolk landed her within a hundred yards of Robsart Place.

The old man questioned her about his son closely, but she answered him trankly, and with a candor that disarmed suspicion. She described Cleve minutely, and hore on her index finger a large gold band which she said was her wedding ring.

"You shall have a home with me here as long as I live," he said, at length, "and when I die, Robsart Place shall be yours."
This was how it came about that Laura

brain, though, and night and day she thought of nothing else but of devising means to add to the old man's comfort, and it was partly owing to her care, and partly to his own taste, that he always looked so neat and clean—just as if he lived in a satin-lined bandbox.

On the morning of this introduction to the reader, he was robed in glossless cash-mere, with white and gold slippers on his feet, and a pink silk smoking-cap upon his

The white neckcloth gave him a clerical look, which his sensuous face partially belied and the hand that grasped the volume he read trembled nervously. He was becoming tired of Goldsmith, when Laura Robsart, all pink and white, stole into the room, and creeping up behind him, surprised him with

"Ah! sunbeam," he said, with a smile, "you are late getting down this morn-

Yes-a little late. Did you miss me?" He did not notice that she was angling for a compliment, and said, at once:
"Yes, I missed you this morning, and I

missed you last night. You were out late on the beach—weren't you?"

"I was home at ten."

"Who was with you?" He was patting her white arm—so much like ivory—that lay mon his knee.

lay upon his knee.
"John Nevin."
"Indeed! I thought he was in Europe."
The old gentleman's brow was clouding.
He was jealous of John Nevin, and he feared Laura would not always prove faithful to the memory of his son. But she saw through him at once; had he been made of glass he could not have been more trans parent to that woman who knelt at his feet, and looked up, like an innocent child, into

"He came back a month ago," she answered. "He is coming over this evening

to see you."
"I don't want to see him," he exclaimed, petulantly. "He must not come here."
She opened her big, blue eyes, and buried her white teeth in her coral lip. "Why,

He was ashamed of himself now, and so he said: "I'm in no mood for company, Laura; and, indeed, I think we had better start for Maryland in a week at the furthest. This place is too busy and obtrusive for

"Yes, it was busy, and meddlesome," she said; and then, while in her secret heart she determined not to leave Newport, she said, "I prefer Robsart Place to this cottage anyway, and the Chesapeake to the sea, at

He was pleased. "You are ever giving in to me," he said, "and some day you'll

In the dusky twilight John Nevin came over to Bockledge. Laura met him on the colonnade, and gave him a cordial welcome.
"You are looking lovely this evening,"

"And you," she answered, smiling, " are as sad-faced as ever. Do you know that you remind me of but one person in the world, and that an actor, whom I once saw play "Hamlet" in Leeds.

"You, on the other hand, remind me of two other persons," he replied.

She laughed—that old, joyous, rippling

laugh-and asked: "And who are two: A friend of my cousin Alice is one, and Goethe's 'Marguerite' the other."

She curled her lip in disbelief, and they

walked down the path toward the sea.
When they tired of rambling about, John found a seat for her on a mossy stone. They could see the sea from where they sa looking wan and gray in the gloaming, and hear the coel swash of the waves, as they lapped the sandy shore, or thumped them selves white against the rocks.

To see her sitting there, with her elbow on her knee, and her chin in her hand, on would never suppose that she had studied that attitude as one of inimitable grace grace of abandon—and yet she had studied that, as she studied every thing else. She never made an awkward movement in John Nevin's presence. If she stood still, her attitude was classically statuesque; if she walked, it was with a bounding, springy gait; if she paused in the garden to pluck a rose, her supple form bent over the bush in an artistic pose, that would have made her

And yet John Nevin thought of her only as a joyous, innocent, artless woman; and now, standing there by her side, and looking down on the coroner of gold which circled her shapely head, he wondered why other women were not capable of fascinating him, with all their wiles, as this woman vithout the use of any. And still John Nevin was not a fool, nor a dolt; he was a keen sighted, shrewd, traveled man, and h fancied he could read Laura Robsart's inmost thoughts, as readily as he could a page of "Pendennis.'

Neither one of them was speaking, and yet the silence did not strike them as being stupid or dull. For his part he could have stood there in the darkening dusk with her so silent and so close, for a century, without weariness, and she-well, she was pleased with the silence, or she would have broken

Women are very adroit in such matters, and Laura was in many respects a remark able woman.

Presently a boat hove in sight, and, as it approached, they saw a man sitting in the stern. He was thrumming on a guitar, and singing, in a rich, clear voice, "HER BRIGHT SMILE HAUNTS ME STILL

It was too dark to discern the features of the man, but both of them recognized the Laura turned deathly pale, and trembled like an aspen.
"It's Gilbert Rook," she said.

Yes, and the fellow's as crazy as ever. said John, "It was very unfortunate for you that you ever met him."

"I wish I never had," she said, rising.
"I can not tell the reason why, but I have a gloomy, undefined dread of that man."

"His persistent attentions to you have caused this," said John, endeavoring to free her from apprehension, "and the knowledge that he has a wife and family in England doubtless gives a deeper tinge to this vague

"No; it may be partly that, but it is not wholly so; from the first moment I set eyes upon him at Bath, I felt as if he was to be my evil genius, and, hard as I have tried to get rid of the notion, it clings to me yet." She shrugged her pretty shoulders and shivered.

"I wouldn't nind" said Icha after a

when I die, Robsart Place shall be yours."
This was how it came about that Laura
Robsart became mistress of vast wealth and
greater expectations.
She did not let her good fortune turn her

shivered.

"I wouldn't mind," said John, after a
moment of silence. "The fellow was, possibly, cravy before you met him, and, but
for his admiration of you, his malady would doubtless have assumed a more violent

She sighed, and gave John Nevin her hand. He pressed it warmly, and they turned away from the sobbing sea, walking silently toward Rockledge, while the sad song of Gilbert Rook rung in their ears:

"Many dangers I have known to the That a reckless life can fill, But her presence has not flown—Her bright smile haunts me still!" He parted with her at the colonnade, and she watched him out of sight. "When is all this misery to end?" she muttered, aloud.

When women are not false as fair." The answer came in a deep, solemn voice, and Laura only lifted her eyes, to let them fall on a weird, haggard woman, who stood like a picture of despair almost within arm's

Laura Robsart was chilled through and through with a nameless dread.
"Who are you?" she managed to say.

"Don't you know me?" The strange woman's voice was hard and You are devoid of memory, I see, as

There was something familiar, even in that chilling tone, and Laura now, determined to solve the mystery at once, said:

"Why have you come here—what do you want of me?" well as conscience."

"I am playing the role of Nemesis," was the answer. "I want vengeance, or my

"What have I of yours. Are you crazy, woman?"
"No, only desperate."

"What do you mean by asking me for your own, then, in this threatening way. I have nothing belonging to you, or yours."

"Yes, you have." The woman's breath was coming quick and hard now.
"What is it?" and as Laura put the ques-

tion, she shrunk away in terror. "My husband's heart." "His name?" gasped Laura.
"Gilbert Rook!"

Laura shrieked as if a knife had pene-trated her heart, and fell in a heap at the woman's feet.

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The Dark Secret: The Mystery of Fontelle Hall.

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CHAPTER XVI. THE STORY IN THE LONE INN. How now, you secret, black and midnight hag, What is't you do?" MACBETH.

there." might have been seen," if there had been anybody out to see, which there wasn't, an ancient mariner plodding his way along the lonesome road between the Mer-maid Tavern and the lone inn. The night was dark, and the road was bad, but Captain Nick Tempest had a supreme contempt for muddy roads, and the clerk of the weather; so, with his hands in his pockets, and a plug of tobacco in his mouth, his tarpaulin cocked on one side of his head, plunged manfully along, whistling "Barbara Allen" as he went, by jerks, with long

pauses between the bars. Captain Tempest was thinking-which was something he was not in the habit of doing as a general thing, being more given to acting. Old Grizzle's manner the night before had implied something serious; and he felt intensely curious to know what reve-lations she had to make to-night. That it was something important, he felt convinced -for Grizzle was not a lady to make a mys ery of trifles; and, moreover, she had con trived to have her two hopeful sons, and Blaise, and her equally-hopeful brother old Till, sent out of the way, that she and the commander of the "Fly-by-Night" might hold their nocturnal tete-a-tete undis-

Not being blessed with a very vivid imag ination, however, old Nick found the nut too hard to crack; and, so wisely resolved not to strain his teeth trying it, but to wait until time and his fair friend should see fit to extract the kernel.

Having, with much pain and labor, come to this philosophical conclusion at last, Captain Nick steered contentedly along, with that rolling motion peculiar to marine gen tlemen, like a ship on an uneasy swell Plunging resolutely through the wet level where the old house stood, he reached it at ast; and, giving a tremendous knock, be gan yelping like a whipped cur. Evidently this was a sort of signal, for the sound of bolts withdrawing, followed instantly. door swung open, and the pleasant face of old Grizzle Howlet beamed on him by the ight of the lantern

"Good night, my chick-a leary! Punctuality is the soul of time," said the captain, in a hazy recollection of some proverb. How do you find yourself this morning my sweet pet? Blooming and beautiful as the Goddess of Morning, as usual, I see." There was a time when you thought

me blooming enough," said the woman, ir harsh voice, as she secured the door when you would have shot any other man for even looking at me!" Ah! every one is a fool some time in

their life," said the captain, flinging himself into a chair before the kitchen fire, and stretching out his legs to the genial heat. of myself in that blessed and verdant time of youth: for you are a second Hefen, for whom another Troy might be lost. Great is Diana of the Ephesians! but greater still is Grizzle of New Jersey! Got any

Yes; take it," said the woman, ungra ciously, pointing to a jug and a pewter pint

on the table. 'There's a pipe, too, if you want it.' It's just exactly what I do want. Ah! that's prime stuff!" said the captain, smack-ing his lips. "It reminds me of the bottles

ing his los. "It reminds me of the boffles of 'africand-alf we used to drink in the green-room of Old Drury, between the scenes. Do you remember those blissfultimes, my beauty?"

"Yes, better than I want to," said Grizzle, almost savagely, as she sat on a low stool, and, with her elhow on her knees, and her chin between her hands, looked gloomily in the fire. "I'm not likely to look at you and forget them."

"And here's a han' my trusty frien',
And gie's a han' o' thine,
We'll tak' a gight gude williewacht
For the day's o' and lang syne,"
sung the captain, jocosely, as he resumed
his seat, and leisurely proceeded to fill his That's so, old friend. Ah! those were

"I am glad you think so well of them. You gave me cause to remember them after another fashion."

A grim smile broke over the face of the captain, as he pushed up his hat, which he considered it a superfluous piece of ceremony to take off; and, having unbuttoned his coarse pea-jacket and thrown it open, he blew a few whiffs of smoke to get his pipe in good going order, and leisurely replied:

"I believe I did act kind of ugly about that business; but you see, my love, man is naturally fickle, and Captain Nick Tempest particularly so. What does our old ac-quaintance, Shakspeare—glorious Will—

Trust not to man—we are by nature false, Dissembling, cruel, subfic, and inconstant. When a man talks of love, with caution trust him; But if he swears, he'll certainly deceive thee.'

And I was ready to swear, you know, that fair was foul and foul was fair, for your sake, at one time. It is wonderful how soon I got over that short brain-fever."

"Yes; when a prettier face came be-

tween," said the woman, bitterly. "Don't scowl, Nick Tempest! The day has gone by when I feared your frown!"
"Did you ever fear it?"

"No need to ask that question; you know too well I didn't dare to call my soul my own. Thank Heaven I am not the only woman in the world who has been de-

"A charitable thanksgiving!" said the captain, with a sneer. "You didn't bring me here, I hope, to talk maudlin sentiment of by-gone days. 'Let the dead bury their dead.' It's devilish

hard to rekindle black ashes."
"Don't fear. I have no more wish to recall the past than you have. Yet it may be necessary to allude to it more than once to-

A dark, sinister smile was on her face, and her evil eyes gleamed red and hot in the light of the fire. "Well, fire away, my duck! My feelings are none of the tenderest, or most sensitive,"

said the captain, smoking severely. "Then you have changed since a certain day, some years ago, if you remember. There was a name then you did not exactly

covet hearing." You mean Lelia. I've got nicely over that. "I am glad to hear it. Then you will not

object to my alluding to her a little?"
"What do you want to allude to her for? What's the use of raking up plague-pits?"
"I never do any thing without an object, as you will discover before I have done. I have sent for you to tell you a short, and, I flatter myself, not uninteresting story, to

The captain stared.
"A story — what the dickens? have not taken leave of your senses, have

Not exactly! Are you ready to listen?"

"All right—heave ahead. The woman glanced askance at him, as he sat smoking, the very picture of compo-sure—an evil, mocking glance; and then, dropping her voice into the monotonous monotone of a true story-teller, she began "Once upon a time, in a certain theatrical corps, of a certain theatre in Old England.

there was a leading actress, a young girl, who did the heavy-tragedy business, and was one of the bright particular stars of the day—she was not very handsome, this girl but when she trod the boards, and her voice rung through the house, people forgot her looks, and thunders of applause shook building from pit to ceiling. Night after night, when she appeared as Lady Macbeth, Jeanne d'Arc, Catherine De Medicis, and score of other dark, fierce characters, into which she could throw all the fire and passion of her nature, has her name been shout ed until the dense public were hoarse; and flowers and bouquets, and jewels sometimes have rained down on the stage, until you could not step for trampling on them; and this tragic muse, this new Melpomene became the toast of the day." "Self-praise is no recommendation," mut-

tered the captain.
"Peers of the land knelt at her feet with offers, which she spurned, as she did these who made them—spurned them with fierce indomitable pride, until all London had to respect, as well as praise her. Offers o marriage were made her, too, from men over whose eyes, and brains, and hearts, her act ing cast a glamor, like the fatal song of the fabled syren-offers she once never dreamed of receiving; and yet she spurned them, too And why did she do so?—tell me why?"

And the woman turned fiercely round on the stoical captain.
"Ah! just so! Why, the deuce only knows," said that worthy mariner, with an expressive shrug.

"You know, which amounts to the same thing! There was a young actor attached to the same company—not much noted for his beauty, nor his dramatic talent; a wild, reckless, devil-may-care sort of a desperado —fierce as a Bedouin of the desert—feared by all, and loved by none."

by all, and loved by none."
"My dear, you flatter," said Captain
Nick, with a look of mock humility.
"Loved by none, did I say?" Ah, yes!
there was one—more fool she—who loved him with all her heart, with all her soulwould have sold herself to Satan to win one smile from him. A woman's heart is a strange riddle, since even she herself can not That's so !" said the captain, emphatic-

This actress, who had refused so many better, richer, handsomer men, stooped to love him—how well, there is no need to tell now. And he—he discovered it. She was not one to keep such a secret, she had hot blood in her veins-hot blood that had de-

laugh; "and there is an old-country saying, that 'butter to butter is no kitchen?"
"He was proud of it—he might well be; for it elevated him from the nobody he was for it elevated him from the nobody he was before, into an object almost of equal interest with herself. She was rich, and she shared her wealth with him; and he took her money and led a life of riot and wildest debauckery, spending it like water from the clouds.

Captain Nick perceptibly winced.

"He said he loved her, and she believed him—poor fool! Perhaps he thought he did; but at all events, he loved her money and the reputation he had gained by having his name linked with hers. And it was all arranged that they were to be married as soon as her engagement was ended, and

soon as her engagement was ended, and travel in the Continent. She did not entirely disapprove of his wild courses: women rather like men who have the reputation of being harum-scarum dare-devils; but she thought he carried things to excess—more especially as he sometimes stooped to rob-bery—even to robbing the dead. Ones her husband, she thought she could have re-formed him a little; and that, having sown his wild oats, he would settle down and

his wild oats, he would settle down and leave the crop to the birds of the air."

"Humph f" said the captain.

"It is doubtful whether she would have succeeded—the demon had too strong a hold of him for that; but, at all events, she was spared the trouble. A young balletgirl of surpassing beauty appeared—a young French girl, only known as Lelia—poor as a church-mouse, and, rumor said, no better than she ought to be."

than she ought to be."
"Rumor lied there! She was the peer of the actress, in these days, on that point!"

said Captain Tempest, calmly.

"Perhaps so; her after actions showed it! Well, this young actor saw her, and a powder-magazine, when a lighted torch is thrown in it, could not quicker or more fiercely go off, than did he after Mademoiscelle Lelia" selle Lelia.'

"Just like him? He always had a nasty habit of going up like a rocket and coming down like a stick," said the captain, with a

"I do not suppose she loved him—I am pretty sure she did not; but she wanted to get married, and she thought by his way of living he had plenty of money. And so he had; but the generous, noble-hearted youth! it was her money that he was spending so riotously-she who was fool enough to trust him, and believe in him implicitly.

"What is the good of ripping up these old sores? I wish you would get done, Grizzle!" said Captain Nick, impatiently.

She smiled sardonically.

"Have patience. I am only beginning!
I hope you like the story, Nick. I see you recognize the characters."

"You be hanged!" growled the captain, twisting uneasily under her piercing gaze.

"Perhaps I may some day, and you too, if the gallows gets its due. Let us live in hope. Well, as I was saying, the actor and the ballet-giri fell in love with each other—

or we will suppose so—and the result of it was an elopement and a marriage. Both were beggars, with no way in the world of earning their salt; so you see what a pair

earning their salt; so you see what a pair of idiots they were."

"Yes; I can see through a hole in a ladder at well as any one."

"The actress heard it, and people expected a scene; but they were disappointed. She might have been a little more fierce and passionate that night, playing Lady Macbeth, but nothing more. She was one of those who could die and make no sign. And yet, would you believe it, though her eyes were dry, her heart shed tears of blood! She tore off her velvet robe and glittering jewels that night, in the silence writhed like one seared with a red-hot iron -the fool, the idiot, the bedlamite, the be sotted lunatic!"

Upon my soul, Grizzle!" exclaimed the captain, "you are the best hand to abuse yourself I ever heard. If anybody called me half these names, I would be inclined to knock them into the middle of next week -if not further.

I deserve it all! I was what so many others of my sex are for the same cause every day—a blind fool! But I will never get to the end of my story if you continue throwing in those marginal notes of yours. To have done business up perfectly, aware this actress ought to have died of a broken heart, and out of her bosom there brier,' etc.; but that was not in her line. What do you suppose she did, when she

found herself deserted?"
"Consoled herself with somebody else." "Right! She accepted the very first offer she got afterward, and married an unfor-tunate little anatomy she could have doubled up and put in her pocket if she chose. She did it for two reasons: first, to let people see how little she thought of his desertion: and second, to have a husband she could gov ern, and who would do exactly as she told

Poor little Luke Howlett!" laughed the captain. "I always did pity him. It's a mercy they took him up above as soon as

She found out that her false lover and his bride had started for the new refugium peccatorum—America; and she followed them with her little tom-tit of a busband. In New York they met, and a rather singular meeting it was. The gay deceiver was not quite as widea-wake at that time as he is to-day; and the serene face and pleasant smiles of his forsaken lady-love completely leceived him, and he imagined himself entirely forgiven. The stupid dough-head! to think such a woman would ever forgive

"Come, my beauty, don't turn the tables, and begin to abuse me instead of yourself. can't stand too much of that sort of

thing, you know."
"Before the honey-moon was over, our turtle-doves found it was one thing to talk about living on love, and another to do it. Lelia's pretty face and bright curls were doubtless very nice things in their way; but bread and butter were a good deal more substantial in the end—and so her young husband found. To labor, he was not able to beg, he was ashamed. So he split the

difference and went to sea."

A shade fell on Captain Tempest's face. Grizzle looked up with a smile, and, after a

pause, went on:
"Will you mind me making a jump, and skipping over six years? Our new-born sailor still continued cruising about, and, when he came home, still continued as absurdly fond of his pretty wife as ever, and quite doted on his bright little five-year-old daughter. Ah! you flinch! Do you begin scended to her through fiery channels."
"So had he," said the captain, with a

"Go on," he said defiantly.



"Well, one day he went to sea, and was wen, one day he went to sea, and was wrecked somewhere on the coast of Cuba, and all hands were lost but himself. You know the adage: 'Born to be hanged will never be drowned.' So you will not wonder at that. He was picked up by a private vessel, and would you believe it?—eleven years passed before he came back."

Something like a groan came from the Tips of the captain. But come he did at last—a weatherbeaten, scarred, prematurely-old man. And where do you think he found his wife and

You hag of Hades! I may thank you

"You may. But for me she would never have ran away." You she-fiend! Are you not afraid I will brain you?"

"By the heavens above us! if you had made that confession six years ago, you would not have lived an instant after!"

"But I did not make it. I was not quite a fool! Be calm, and let me go on with my story. One year after her husband went away-when her daughter was six years old (and she was still a pretty, dark-eyed, bright-haired, merry French girl)-a young foreigner—a wild, rich, young Scotchman, stopped at my house. He was a handsome fellow, dark-eyed, merry, bold and gallant—just the one to take a lady's eye—more especially such a lady so eye pecially such a lady as our pretty, young

grass-widow."
Captain Nick Tempest ground his teeth

with impotent rage.

"His name was Randall Macdonald—how do you like it?—and he came from the old Macdonald who lived and fought in the days of Robert the Bruce. I introduced him to the handsome French girl, and what— Captain Tempest, my good friend-my dear friend—what was the result?"
"You cursed hag!" he groaned, through

his clenched teeth. Such a bitter sneer as was on her dark face—such a bitter, mocking, deriding sneer! Yet she looked up, and smiled in his face.

Voyages across the ocean were slower even in those days than they are now; and our handsome Scotchman was lonesome and wanted a companion. A pretty French woman, gay and piquant, was just the thing; and the young gentleman was not one to be backward in offering her an invi-tation. I urged her to accept it. I promised to be a mother to little Lelia, and the result of our combined entreaties was, that Captain Tempest came from sea one morning, and found himself minus a wife."

She broke into a laugh—a low, sneering laugh, unspeakably insulting.
"I changed little Lelia's name, and gave

her my second one; and, under my motherly care, she reached the age of thirteen. Then—but never mind that Lelia; we must ollow the fortunes of the other. Randall Macdonald was fond of a roving life, and he and madame had rather a pleasant time of it, cruising round the world. Six years after his American escapade, his eldest brother died, and the family estate fell to him. The day that brought him the news saw Lelia cold and dead—of disease of the heart. She had died caressing her little daughterhis child—without a moment's warning. No wonder you never could find her when you went to search for her. You would have to dive a long way down under the waves of the lonesome sea to find the pretty orm of Lelia Tempest.'

He made a fierce gesture, as if casting something from him, and drew a long, hard

"Let her go! That is the last of her!
But my child, woman—my daughter—my little Lelia! what of her

The woman laughed scornfully, and "Speak! I tell you! Speak! I command you!" he cried, fiercely. "You have not

dared to kill her?" Kill her? Oh, no. That would be poor You Satan! where is my child?"

"Don't fear; she is alive, and well." He got up, white with eagerness. Woman, tell me where she is!'
It is easy told—if I choose!"

Grizzle, for the sake of old times-for the sake of all that is past and gone, let me see her-my little Lelia!" She looked at him in scornful surprise,

and broke into a deriding laugh.

"You to speak of what is past and gone!
—you to exhort me by that! The man has

gone mad! You she-devil! speak! or I will tear it out of your foul throat!"

"Can nothing move you? My little Le ! Oh, Grizzle! can nothing move you?"
"Nothing you can say! Sit down; calm yourself, and you will hear all in du Perhaps you will not think 'my little Lelia' such a priceless jewel when you do find

What do you mean? Grizzle Howlet, what have you done with that child ! There was something so terrific in his look and tone at that moment, that she almost shrunk before it.

"Nothing very dreadful," she said, angri-ly. "Sit down, I tell you, or I won't speak another word to-night. What if you were to hate your daughter when I name her?" There is some dark meaning hid under Grizzle Howlet, has her mother's fate

been hers?' She laughed. "Oh, no! Can you conceive nothing worse than that? Her mother loved and

was beloved-in a sort of a way. I dare say she was happy."
His face worked, and his hands clenched

One fair spot remained still in that black heart—love for his child. But for how long?
"Will you tell me?" he said, in a strained

"To be sure. That is what I have been coming to, all along. She is a fine lady."
"Well?"

"You have seen her-spoken with her!" " Did she know me?"

"Here—in New Jersey."

"Well, go on. I can not bear this; you are torturing me."

"I will be merciful then. You were to me, you know! Do you remember a scene that occurred some thirty miles from here, one evening, among the mountains, when you tried to send a certain handsome young Englishman to his long account?"

"A young girl-a bold, pretty little thing -red-haired and gray-eyed, like somebody else we know of-interposed-saved him, disarmed you, and sent you off, with a lec-

"Yes; curse her! I will be avenged for

that! "Softly—softly, captain," said Grizzle, with her dark smile. "Wait until you hear who she is, first."
"Who is she?"

"Do you know that my name is Grizzle

"Well, I changed Lelia into Jacquetta, one day. It was easily done, and without troubling the Legislature."

He leaped to his feet with a cry. She arose, too, and confronted him.

"Grizzle Howlet, is she—"

"She was Lelia Tempest once; she is Jacquetta De Vere, now, and your daugh-

CHAPTER XVII.

THE END OF THE STORY.

"Such a mad marriage never was before"

—Taming of the Shrew. THERE is but one step-a very short one

—between love and hatred. In all these years of crime, and daring, and darkest guilt, the memory of his lost child—his little bright-eyed, sunny-faced Lelia—had ever lain warm and fair near his heart; the only fair spot, perhaps, in all that dark nature. He had thought, all along, that her mother had taken her with her in her guilty flight; but he knew little of the revenge Grizzle Howlet was capable of He never dreamed of doubting her story for a moment—he felt it to be true, every word; and in that instant all his love for the little bright-faced child was swept away, like a whiff of down in the blast; and hatred of the daring, imperious young girl, who had conquered him, took its place. He felt that she despised and looked down upon him, her father, although she knew it not; and a savage, dethough she knew it not; and a savage, the moniacal longing to drag her down to his own level, filled all his thoughts. She was his daughter; no one had such a right to her as he had. He hated the De Veres, and this dashing adopted daughter of theirs. What a glorious thing it would be now to tear her from them—to pull her from her pedestal—to show her to the world as Capain Nick Tempest's daughter! He fel little proud of her, too; he exulted in the thought that she had her father's heart, and all his dauntless courage; and he felt he could freely forgive Grizzle Howlet all she had done for the revenge she had placed

within his grasp now.

A fierce, grim smile—the smile of a demon bearing away a lost soul—broke over his dark face. He looked up, and met Grizzle Howlet's piercing eyes fixed full

upon him.

"Well?" she said, curiously.

He stretched out his hand, still smiling:

"I forgive you, Grizzle! There is my hand on it! This repays me for all."

"You believe me?" she said.

"Yes; I think you are telling me the truth. I feel that that girl is my daughter!"

"She is. Word for word what I have said is true—true as Gospel. Jacquetta De Vere is your child!"

The gods be praised for that! The day of retribution is at hand!" What are you going to do?" said Griz-

zle, half-anxiously. He sat down, resumed his former atti-tude before the fire, with that evil smile still on his face.

You will see! But, first, have you accomplished your revenge?"

"No!" cried Grizzle, fiercely dashing her hand on the mantel—"no; that I have not!
Until Jack De Vere lies despised and trod-

den on in the dust under my feet, my reenge will never be satiated!"
"What has she done to you, to make you hate her so?" said the captain, serenely "Done what I will never forgive, if I were dying!" almost screamed the woman, her

lion-passions slipping their leashes for a moment. "I hated her, first, for her mother's sake—for her father's sake. I hated her as a child; for she never could endure me, even when I was kindest to her. I hated her as a girl, for her jibes and taunts. hate her as a woman, for her scornful pride and haughty disdain; and hate her I will, to

my dying day. You would have suited Doctor Johnson. Wasn't it he who liked a 'good hater?' Well, I don't blame you. She is a provoking little miss as ever lived, I have no doubt. So hate away, my beauty, as long as you like, and thank the Fates there is no lost love." I hate the De Veres, one and all, with their arrogant pride and supercilious con-tempt for all of inferior birth, and I swear to make them feel it. I have done so. proudest of them all—the flower of the flock—lies crushed and bleeding under my feet! And there let her lie till the grave claims

Do you mean that haughty young empress, Lady Augusta?"
"Yes. I fancy I have settled her haughtiness for her!" said the woman, with a short,

unpleasant laugh.
The captain looked curious. "What has she done, and how did you get her in your power? Is she an adopted daughter, too?"

No; she is a true De Vere, body and Then what power can you have over

her? There is a long step between a De Vere and Grizzle Howlet." I have seven-league boots, and can take it. Never you mind, Captain Tempest. Your business is with Miss Jack, if you re-

member. What are you going to do, now that you have found out she is your daugh-Claim her, to be sure! Think of a father's love, and all the rest of it, and you will perceive it is the only course," said the

Exactly. But how will you prove your 'You will come with me, my dear. When you and I lay our heads together, we can

work wonders. We will, in this case. But have you no curiosity to hear how she ever came to live in Fontelle at all, or to assume their name?" "A great deal." But you have a disagreeable way of only answering questions when you like; so I did not care for getting a re-

Then listen to the sequel. I hope you will find it quite as interesting as the first volume, and it will show you what a woman can do when she seeks revenge; and it will clear up a certain little mystery that has puz zled more than one resident in Fontelle Hall. Have you ever been told that strange sounds were sometimes heard in the old north wing of that building?"
"Of course. Push ahead."

"I rather fancy they have startled a certain young gentleman resident there at pre-

sent. And that reminds me, you have no particular love for him either. Have you?"
"No, by Heaven!" said the captain, with an oath. "He struck me once; and that is an insult that only his heart's blood can

wipe out!" "I think you can pierce his heart in an easier and safer way, and, in fact, kill half a dozen birds with one stone. If he is not in love with Miss Jacquetta De Vere, then I know nothing of the tender passion; and, being as proud as Lucifer, he will be in a sweet frame of mind when he finds out who she is. Besides, he is engaged to another young lady. Guess who?"

'How the foul fiend can I guess? or what do I care?" A great deal, if you knew but all. The y's name is Miss Norma Macdonald."

lady's name is man "Macdonald!" "Yes," said Grizzle, with a smile; "her mother's name, I believe, was Mrs. Lelia Tempest, if you feel any interest in knowing

The captain gave a long, wailing whistle, and fell back in his seat. "He is engaged to marry her, and is in love with your daughter; and our pretty Jacquetta is in love with him. Oh! it is the sweetest kettle of fish, all through, that

ever you heard of." And it will be a death-blow to Don Monsieur Signor Moustache Whiskerando to find out he is in love with old Nick Tempest's daughter. 'I see,' said the blind man. Tol de rol, de rol, de rol !' sung the captain, delighted.

Preserve your transports, my dear friend," said Grizzle, dryly. "Time enough for them when you stand face to face with the future lord of Guilford and Earneeliffe. Remember, too, that though the old spae-wife of Worcestershire prophesied that 'a life would be lost betwixt ye,' she did not say which was to lose it. So Captain Nick Tempest had better take a fool's advice, and not halloo before he is out of the woods!

"I don't fear him. Let him do his worst. Oh, this is revenge indeed! The bullet will hip them all to death-this come-by-chance of Lilia's as well as the rest. Don't be too sure-he will marry her."

"But, you say, he loves Jacquetta."
"So he does; but loving does not always imply marriage. I had hoped for a different end to the story, but this daughter of yours is made of more sterling stuff than her, and is not to be had for the asking No: the Honorable Alfred De Vere Dis browe will never marry her! He wouldn't if he could, and couldn't if he would.' "Two very good reasons. I should like to see this daughter of Lelia's."

A queer laugh broke from Grizzle's lips. Captain Tempest looked at her in surprise. Are you sure you never have?"

"Do you really think you have never seen Miss Norma Macdonald?"
"Well, I can't say. I may have done so without knowing it, while knocking about this jolly old world."

"Ah, just so!" said Grizzle, carelessly, poking the fire. "By the way, Captain Tempest, where is that little Spaniard you brought over with you the other day? "Now you are off on another track What the demon makes you ask after him?"

Oh, nothing! I felt curious to know-"Well, he's at Fontelle, if I don't mistake I winged him that evening I met my dutiful daughter, in mistake for our young English friend—poor little devil! "I felt sorry for it, too, for I really liked the little codge

"And so they took him to Fontelle-hem!" said Grizzle, with a musing smile. "There!-never mind bim!-push along I want to hear about Jacquetta!" said Cap tain Nick, impatiently. Well, all these things are so merged into

one another, that it is difficult to separate them. I will try, however. I need not re mind you that Jacquetta was six years old when her mother made her moonlight flit-

I am not likely to forget it. Go on.' "Well, she lived with me until she was thirteen years of age; and I took good care to impress on her memory the fact of her mother's disgrace, and-if you will believe it—child as she was, she felt it keenly. Of her father, I never told her any thing. I left that for the gentleman himself. And quite equal he is to the task.

"She was a pretty little thing-small and light, like a fairy, with a laugh like a bird's song, sweet and clear; short, flashing, dancing curls—red, like her father's, but very nice indeed; bright, sparkling, dark-gray eyes, and a dainty, delicate, pink-and-white complexion. I took care of her beauty, for a reason I had of my own, and cared for it every day, as a miser might for his money."
"You old wretch!" said the captain, with

a look of disgust. "She was willful, fearless, bold, and stub-born, after her own way—her father's child in every sense of the word. Once she put her foot down to do a thing, you might as well try to move the Highlands over there, as that small girl. She was cute, too, and wonderfully wide-awake for her years-keen as a Venetian stiletto, and surprisingly smart at learning; so I have my doubts whether or not I would have succeeded though, thanks to my training, she had re-freshingly vague ideas of right and wrong. In some ways, she was like a woman, with all a woman's sense, even at that early age and in others she was as simple as a child of three years. Howlet was dead, and my boys were away with Till; and I carefully kept Miss Jacquetta from all masculine eyes till the proper time came. Kit loved her for she had the wildest and most winnin ways, when in good humor, that ever a fair had; but she only laughed at him, and nick named him and herself Beauty and the Beast, Bluebeard and Fatima, Red Riding-Hood and the Wolf, Vulcan and Venus and other flattering and complimentary ti

"Good girl, Jack!" laughed Captain Nick.
"Her father's daughter, indeed! She knew what was what!"

"Kit's love soon turned to hate—as yours did, also, a little while ago; and I believe he would have throttled her, at times, if I would have let him. But I had better designs on the young lady than killing her and an opportunity soon came for putting them into execution." Well?"

"Have you ever heard the name of Aubrey De Vere?"
"Not as I know of. Who was he?"
"A son of Mr. Robert De Vere, of Fon-

What! I thought he had no sons? "Ah, he had, though—two." Well?"

"Aubrey was the eldest-tall and hand- of madness were becoming daily more fre-

some, as all of his race are-but Nature, though she gifted him with wealth and beauty, gave him, also, a slight drawback, in the shape of madness; for there were times when the young man was a raving,

"Phew! That was a drawback, upon my word!"

Some fright or shock he had received in his boyhood was the cause; and there were ins boyhood was the cause; and there were intervals still when he was perfectly sane. The family could always tell when one of his violent paroxysms were coming on, in rather a peculiar way. From childhood he had ever been passionately fond of music, but ever since the loss of his reason he never touched a musical instrument except when the furious outbreaks were approaching he furious outbreaks were approaching. Then he would sit down at the organ—his favorite instrument—and play as no man in his sober senses ever played before. His friends kept him confined, generally; but there were times when, with the cunning of madness, he would escape; and so sanely could he talk and act, that no one, excep those who knew, would ever suspect him of not being sane.'

"Not an uncommon case," said the cap-in. "I have often heard of similar ones tain.

before." "I knew all the particulars. I heard it from an old servant in the house; so that, when, one stormy night, he came to my house (we lived on the other side of the Hudson then), I knew him at once, and made him welcome to stay as long as he liked; for he had plenty of money and knew how to spend it. Here he saw Jacquetta, and fell in love with her, as only a madman can love.

Well, and the result?" "The result was a marriage. She liked him well enough, and had a mighty vague idea of what marriage was; and he was crazy after her. Oh, it was capital revenge marrying her to a madman, whose family would cast her off with scorn, as if she were the dirt under their feet.

"You were a little out of your reckoning there, though," said the captain, with a

"Yes. I am glad of it now, though, since a prospect of more exquisite revenge has opened itself. Jacquetta was a child, then, nd had no idea of what she was doing; but I knew she would wake one day, and then there would be a scene! How I gloated in the prospect! How I exulted when it

"It did come, then?"

"To be sure—but a long while after. I don't know whether it was his new-found happiness, or what, but Aubrey De Vere was sane a long time after that, and remained enchanted with his new toy-though his willful baby-wife got dreadfully tired of him sometimes. I could always tell when his insane fits were coming on, and smuggled him off to an upper room, and left him bolted and barred in till they passed away; and she knew nothing of them. It was not the time to tell her yet, though it was daily coming; for the woman's heart within her —like plants in a hot-house, prematurely forced—was rapidly maturing, even though the breast that bore it barely numbered

fourteen summers. But, one unlucky day, during a brief absence of mine to the city, he broke out with one of his furious outbursts of temporary madness, and raved, and foamed, and fled, like one possessed by a thousand devils, from the house. She shook—the amaze, the horror was too much for her-fearless as she was. When I came back, I found her lying senseless on the floor, and hours passed before she awoke from that

death-like swoon. Well?" said the captain, as Grizzl

There was a child born that night, and the baby-wife was a mother. The demon only knows what feeling prompted me to conceal the infant, but I did; a poor, miserable, puny thing it was; and when she re covered, she believed what I told her of its sudden death. Blaize and Kit had lately purchased this very house; and I had it conveyed here, and paid a woman for taking care of it. That woman was Tribulation

Rawbones, now a servant in Fontelle. Well, Jacquetta recovered, and so did her husband. Strangely enough, he had gone to Fontelle in his first outbreak and from his ravings, they guessed what had happened. When he became sane again, he would have denied it; but his father followed him to my house, and learned all the particulars. Of course there was a pretty to-do then; and the old gentleman was like one beside himself with grief and rage. Jacquetta was a perfect little fury, and would have sprung on me and clawed like a wild-cat, only I fled from the room. How I laughed how I enjoyed it! how delicious it was! She laughed again at the recollection.

You second Jezebel!" said the captain. "They all calmed down again after a while and began to reflect it was no use crying for spilled milk. Of course, Mr. De Vere would have nothing to do with Jacquetta. Oh, no! not at all! He pooh-pooled the notion; said the marriage was null and illegal, and carried off his son by force. The girl of fifteen was as proud in her way as the state ly old Englishman was in his. She let him go without a word, and never again breathed the subject to me; but, oh! the delightful looks she used to favor me with—the little

"Mr. Robert De Vere soon found he had reckoned without his host, when he thought he could get his son to give up his little bride. He became perfectly ungovernable raved, foamed, shrieked like a wild beast and called on Jacquetta night and day. In fact, there was no standing him at all, and nothing remained but to send for Jacquet-

And you let her go?" "Of course, I knew my own interests. So proud was she, that she would not have went a step with him, only out of pity for Aubrey. But go she did at last." And that is how she came to live at Fon-

That is how. Her presence soothed him at once: and, strange to say, she and Miss Augusta, then a haughty little lady of ten years, became fast friends. She had, as I told you, winning ways, and cast a spell over every one she met by a sort of wild fascination about her, and very soon she became the idol of the household, and almost as dear to the master of Fontelle as his own daughter."

'So much the better! They will feel the parting with her the more. Right! So they will. Mr. De Vere did not care to publish on the house-tops that he had a son a maniac; and as his paroxysms

quent and violent, one of the rooms in the old deserted north wing was fitted up with barred windows and bolted doors, and he was confined there. Old Tribulation, a wo-man of iron head and nerves, became his nurse, and every thing that could make him comfortable was given him. Even his fondness for music was thought of, and his or gan was placed in his room, and remains there to this day; and before his fiercest attacks, he still favors them with a little unearthly music-most frequently at the dead

"And that accounts for the strange noises," said the captain, musingly.
"Yes. As it would have excited curiosity and inquiry to call Jacquetta Mrs. De Vere, the change to Miss was very easy and convenient; and, as few visitors called at Fontelle, repelled by the pride of the aristocratic De Veres, people believed readily enough she was his younger daughter, for she looks several years younger than Augusta—small, fair people always do look younger than they are. And so—and so—she has lived there ever since; and that's all."

"And enough, by Jupiter! And so I'm a grandpapa—am I? Good gracious! I say, Grizzle, where's the child?" She laughed, and continued stirring the

fire.
"How dumb you are! Think a moment."
"How dumb you are! Think a moment." "Eh? Why—what? It's not little Or-rie—is it?" She nodded.

"Oh, Jehosophat! here's a mare's nest! And little black-eyes is a grand-daughter of "She has that honor." "Whew! What will we hear next? And

Jacquetta does not suspect?"
"I don't know. I half think she does, sometimes. "She would claim her, if she did." "No. She knows it would be no use. I

could keep her in spite of her. She bears a shadowy resemblance to her mother, and has the same fiery temper, and the true De Vere "And so she's a De Vere, too."
"Yes—and the heiress of Fontelle?"
"Well, this is something new. Do you

mean to make this known as well as the rest?" "Most decidedly."

"But what is the end of all this? It may mortify them to know I am her father;

but they will not cast her off on that ac-"Trust me for that. I will see Mr. De Vere; and when I tell him Jacquetta knew every thing I have told you all along, and artfully concealed it, you will see what a change it will make. You don't know yet how haughty these De Veres can be. Let him once learn what her mother was, and that Jacquetta herself knew it all along, although she denied it, and he would order her out in five minutes. He might get over the disgraceful stock from which she sprung,

but her own deceit, never."
"Bravo! And then Madam Jacquetta will have to march!"

'Precisely! Oh, I'll fix her! Then, as "But what if she won't be claimed? There's a small spice of the devil in that young lady, and it may tempt her to act

ugly and cut up shines."
"What can she do? She can neither work nor starve. And her child will tie her hands. It needs only a word to convince her the child is hers. It will humiliate her to death, and Disbrowe's love will go out under the blow, like a candle under an extin-

"Good! And then?" "You can treat her as you please." By Jove! I'll treat her well for little brick." cried the captain, enthusiastic You forget she conquered you.

"I'll forgive her that, once I get her. I've got money enough; and, by the Lord Har-ry, she and Miss Orrie shall live like a cou-"You're a fool! She'll never own you."
"Wait till you see. I don't believe little
Lelia can have changed so. But, look here,
old lady; you told me De Vere had two sons
—where's the other?" ple of ladies

Oh, Heaven knows! Dead, I expect! He was carried off by Indians, when a child, and never heard of more. "Well, it's astonishing how things turn

up. And so my precious son-in-law is locked up in the old north tower of Fon-Yes, and Tribulation has her hands full to look after him. They can always tell when he is getting violent, by his playing, and then Jacquetta has to go to him. She is the only one he will mind at such times. She locks him up and leaves him by himself, until he sees fit to be reasonable again; then he is released. It mostly happens in the dead of night; and the little lady has an uneasy time of it getting out of bed to see

him. Tribulation always clears on such occasions. And when is this delightful story to electrify your friends at Fontelle?

To-morrow morning "Most certainly—to claim your daugh-"Ha! ha! Won't there be a scene? I shan't sleep a wink to-night for thinking of

"Well, go now! I am done with you."
"A curt dismissal! Look here, Grizzle, I should like to see Orrie before I leave."

"Bah! What do you want to see her for? "Well, knowing that she is my grand-child, it strikes me I should like to take a

good look at her. Come, old friend, be good-natured, and lead the way." "Stuff! The child's asleep." "I won't awake her-I won't stay a mo-

"Nick Tempest, you're a fool!" said the woman, harshly, as she arose and took a candle. "Come, then, willful must have his

way."
"En avant, ma chere!" said the captain, jocosely. "I follow."

She led the way up-stairs, and opened the door of a squalid little room, containing no furniture, but a straw-pallet in a little truckle-bed. The child lay stretched outher black hair strewn about her; her hands clasped over her head; her small face, in its repose, bearing striking marks of her pater-

Shading the light with his hand, Captain Nick bent over her, but he started back the next instant; for the great, black, goblin eyes were wide open, and piercing him like

"You nasty old thing! What are you doing here? Get out!" said Orrie, sitting up in bed and brandishing the pillow, as the only defensive weapon at hand.

"Oh, you're awake-are you?" said Captain Niek. "Why, Orrie, don't you know me—Uncle Nick?" "Uncle Nick!" said the child, contemptu-

ously. "You ain't! I wouldn't have you for an uncle! Will you go away?"
"She's her mother's daughter!" said Griz-

zle, with a grim smile.

"Clear out," repeated Orrie, clutching the pillow, "or I'll heave this at you!"

"You little angel," said the captain, apostrophizing her in a low tone. "What a

blessed little seraph she is, Grizzle!"
"Come away," said Grizzle. "I hope you are satisfied with your reception." Perfectly! Good-night, Orrie."

Orrie's reply to this piece of politeness was an angry scowl, as she still sat threateningly holding the pillow, until the door closed after them.

"She does look like the De Veres," said the captain. And is blessed with her mother's dove-

like temper, and her maternal grandparent's gentleness. Come back early to-morrow morning. Are you ready to go?" "Yes; if I must go. But as I have to return here to-morrow, could you not accommodate me with a shake-down before the

fire for this night?" No. I can do no such thing. I don't want you. There, be off!" You hospitalbe old soul! Well, good-

Good-night," said the woman, in pretty much the same tone as if it were a curse she sent after him; and then the door was bolted, and Grizzle Howlet was in and Nick Tempest was out, tramping back to the Merand musing intently on all he had (To be continued-Commenced in No. 87.)



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A Real Hero. -A little newsboy attempting to jump from a street car the other day, fell under the car and was fearfully mangled. As soon as he could speak he called piteously for his mother, and a messenger was sent at once to bring her to him. On her arrival she hung over the dying boy in agony of grief.

Mother," he whispered, with a painful effort, "I sold four newspapers-and-the-the-

money is in my pocket!" It is so common to call these little newsboys "Street Arabs," and to regard them as unmitigated vagabonds, that people are surprised at this betrayal of interest in his mother by one of the little ragamuffins. But, those who know most of the newsboys say that large numbers of them are aiding in the support of mothers, and brothers, and sisters; and we ought to bear this in mind when we talk of the little fellows, who deserve far more consideration

The above incident is true. With the hand of death upon him, the last thought of the suffering child was for the poor, hard-working mother, whose burdens he was striving to lighten. Such is true heroism, worthy of applause and remembrance.

A Candid Talk .- A lady correspondent,

Are editors not rather too severe, sometimes in their strictures? A kind word frequently is very ncouraging. I have been so discouraged by editors' rebuffs that I am afraid to send a manuscript to the press. I know you are courteous, but courtesy is the exception, not the rule, as I have learned, in a six years' experience as a writer for the magazines

and weekly papers." Doubtless there are boors connected with the press, as there are uncivil persons in all professions. We think one of the most ungentlemanly persons we ever met was a clergyman of some note as a preacher. We know of excellent doctors and lawvers who are model boors. But, all this does not affect the fraternity to which they belong-that is, they are not representatives of the good-breeding

An editor usually has not the slightest feeling for or against an author, and looks at a manuscript just as a merchant looks at goods, or a lawyer at evidence, or a physician at a case-to see what is to be done with it, and. nine cases out of ten, he never gives the mat-

ter a second thought-not because he is hardhearted or unimpressible or inattentive, but because it is the only way to dispatch business. If authors who feel aggrieved at what they term a "curt refusal" or a "rude rejection, would understand that not an atom of feeling against them was entertained by the editor, it would take off the sharp edge of their chagrin, and they would, on common-sense business principles, try again elsewhere.

Of Course.-We were in a fashionable photographic gallery, a day or two since, and witnessed this episode:

Enter young lady. Have you photographs of the Grand Duke (pronounced Juke)?

Photographer. Yes, some very fine ones. Here is one. Only fifty cents.

Young Lady. The dear fellow! Only fifty cents? Oh, Mr. S.-, how can you sell him so cheap? Just as if he was no better than a Congressman, or one of our own people! I'll take two-the dear fellow! Do put up the price to five dollars each; that would be aristocratic, you know, and therefore proper, for he is a Duke, you see, and ought not to be hawked around like a common person—the dear fel-

And she went out, perfectly happy over her ossession of the "dear fellow's" portrait.

'Mr. S.-" said we, "who is that woman?" "Why, sir, she is the wife of -- " naming a man of wealth, whose affiliations with the New York ring accounted for his sudden rise from numble life to a country seat on the Sound. 'That's what's the matter," we reflected. Ninety-nine cases out of every one hundred of those whose snobbery and flunkeyism lead them to run after a foreigner, with a title are those whose family history smells.

The Model Novels.-Speaking of Beadle's Dime Novels, and the class of writers who cater for that almost unlimitedly popular series, the Nokomis, Ill., Gazette says:

"Among their novels they have three by Mayne Reid—the "Helpless Hand," "Planter Pirate," and the "White Souaw"-which every lover of the cantain's works should obtain. It is indeed strange how they can afford to employ many first-class writers-as they often do-and sell the work, when pub-

The secret of success is not always in downright merit, for sometimes very trashy books have a large sale; but, it may be said, in all candor, that in Beadle's Dime Novel series. names are nothing, but excellence every thing. No book is admitted to the series, no matter by whom written, that is not up to a high standard of merit and interest, and this it is which has given the little volumes such wide currency, and such credit with all who are particular in what they read of popular ro-

SCOLDING.

I HAVE thought over it, time and again, why it is that we are so fond of finding fault and scolding about things going wrong. It is an impracticability for children to keep still any length of time, and if they are a little restless, why should we fume and fret about it? God made them with joyous spirits and good lungs; then why should we mortals complain of the use the youngsters put them to? How many poor children there are in the world, who are scolded at from morning until night! They mustn't slam a door, or hammer a nail; they mustn't speak above a whisper, and if their feet are cold, it is not right for them to stamp the same on the kitchen hearth; and so it goes until the poor young ones almost dread even to breathe, lest a scolding should be the

I'd rather, a thousand times, have the lit-tle ones romp about and "hallo" through the house, even though it does seem as if they'd ear the roof off, than to see them moping in the corner, as though afraid to speak; be cause I know the former are enjoying their lives. There's no future before them of hard struggles, vexing cares, or petty strifes to The present is all they care for, and they're bound to make the most of it. Not a whit do I blame them. I know they deserve scolding sometimes, yet not all the time. You are aware "there' a time for every thing.'

When these little ones grow older, and go out to work for themselves, the scolding a them does not seem to decrease one jot. No they're scolded if they're late for dinner-i they lie down on the crimson-covered lounge-if they don't get home from the concert at an early hour-and if they leave their things in disorder. A young man gets tired of this state of affairs-so brother Tom tells me-and gets sick of home

And when he gets sick of home he has come to a bad state indeed, for he will seek worse places than home, and less noble as sociates than his parents and brothers and sisters. He will not tell them where he does pass his time, and when a person is ashamed of his visiting places, you may rest assured that they are by no means fit for him

Does it not, then, become parents to make home attractive for their children, to bear with their foibles, and not to scold them so much, or to make them desire to be free from restraint and cut themselves away

It can not be a pleasant idea, to think that there are many persons living in prisons who would not be there, had they only been made happy at home. How simply can enjoyment be made in our own households and at no expense whatever! Kindly words and loving deeds are the stock you have to work with.

Instill sunshine into your families, and you'll have less cross wives, scolding hus-bands and unhappy children to answer for. It is easier to reprove by kindness than by harshness, and how much sweeter do the words fall from the lips!

If a scholar is not able to master a lesson, why should his teacher scold him? It don't make the scholar one whit brighter. the teacher assist him in a gentle manner, and it will prove all clear to him.

This continual scolding and fault-finding, I not only deprecate but vote it wrong-un wise—unnecessary and essentially demora

A man will leave a prison, ten times bet-ter, where the discipline has been of the gentle kind; and I have heard a warden say, There's a great deal in a kind word Miss Lawless, even in our life. Some people imagine prisoners ought to be treated like brutes, when they come here. Prisoners are all human, and I think ought to be treated

humanely I could have kissed that man's hand, for he treated other people's brothers as though they were his own!

Let us all count ten before we open our lips in scolding! I'll set the example.
Who'll follow? Eve Lawless.

Foolscap Papers.

Reform in the "Society" Islands.

To the New England Society for the Reforma-tion of the South Sea Islanders: GENTLEMEN:

It affords me great pleasure to report to your honorable body, of the advance of the natives of these islands toward civilization, through the efforts you have put forth. The change here is indeed cheering. No longer do they persist in their old savage customs. The hundreds of thousands of dollars you have spent in the advancement of this people, have been crowned with re-markable success. The dawn of these is-lands is at hand; yea, shines already upon

It gratifies me to say that they no longer eat missionaries as they used to; but—but they have them done up in a variety of new fashioned ways-fried, stewed, etc., with pepper and sauce worthy of the notice of a Prof. Blot. They have a bountiful board—the Board of Foreign Missions.

The invoice of plug hats you sent were highly appreciated by the natives, but they

remark that just as soon as they filled them up with water and set them on the coals to boil, the bottoms of them gave out. I would suggest that the hats you hereafter send be made of copper or brass.

These people no longer tie their prisoners to a tree, and torture them to death, thanks to your noble society. They now put all their prisoners into the threshing machines you sent them, and they come out threshed

Those grindstones you sent are of great service to them, for they have taken four of them as wheels of a carriage for the king, Sharkyousee I.

I only found one native that could play upon the pianos. He and I played a kind of *duet* upon one of them, and he really played so well that I almost felt compelled to give him quite a little pile of money. It might be well enough for me to add here that the duet played was a trackeded that the duet played was a two-handed game of seven up, and the notes down. I frequently see the natives performing on some of the pianos with clubs, and when I shut my eyes and listen to their music, it is hard work to persuade myself that I am not at a fashionable concert in Boston. Some experimental musicians have taken the in sides out of a piano, and set it up against a tree, and draw music from the wires by throwing stones at it; but the wires will give out in time.

Those watches were just what the natives have wanted for many years, for they have suffered for them a great deal. The insides they remove, and use the cases to carry their tobacco in, for which purpose they are ex-cellently suited. The crystals they use for glass eyes, when a warrior accidentally gets one punched out.

These portable steam engines are highly prized, and the good king desires you to send him another lot soon. He says they are the nicest things in the world to roll down

the mountain upon a tribe of invaders.

They feel ever grateful for those large looking-glasses, which they have put into the sides of their houses for windows, having scratched the quicksilver off the backs.

The long fish-seines you kindly provided are in extensive use—the "society" belies having cut them into lengths and made dresses out of them.

The violins and guitars come very handy.

Besides the strings being very useful to the up dogs, the instruments themselves make excellent bats for playing ball; indeed, they won't use any other kind of a bat now.

They hitch their old women to the han-

dles of the plows, and pull them backward as they run easier that way, and don't tear up their door-yards so. Those slates are a perfect Godsend to the natives, and are doing them good service as

pavements in front of each cabin When they got tired of the music of those hand-organs, which you were kind enough to send them, they turned them into peanut

They have the civilized idea of the divine use of brooms and mops, for they knock their wives down with them just like other

enlightened people.

Those tubs and wash-boards make an excellent fire in a few minutes, and are highly

Who will deny that this people is not des tined to become great in a few years? There is no machine of modern times, however complicated, which they can not immediatey turn to some use. Verily they are a wonderful people!

Hoping, gentlemen, you may continue in your good work, I remain—on the islands—your's fraternally and conscienticusly, as long as my salary is promptly paid,
Washington Whitehorn.

Margaret and Her Friends.

BY MATTIE DYER BRITTS.

ONCE upon a time, in a little green valley between the mountains and the sea., there lived a maiden by the name of Margaret She was very fair and sweet, with eyes as blue as forget-me-nots, and long, waving curls, and she should have been very happy But poor Margaret was an orphan girl, and lived with her Aunt Gretchen, and Aun Gretchen was not so kind as she might have been. She made poor Margaret wear all the coarse clothes, and eat all the coarse food and perform all the hard tasks; while she sat around and enjoyed herself.

And Margaret was so sweet, and patient and obedient, that it ought to have touched Aunt Gretchen's heart, and made her kind-er; but, instead of that, the more patient Margaret was, the harder tasks Aunt Gretch

One time there was a great fair held in the neighboring town, and Mistress Gretchen dressed herself in her best and prepared to

"Now, Margaret, lazy one," said she, sharply, "if I find, when I come back, that you have done all the work I leave, you may go to the fair to-morrow; and, if you haven't, why you can not go; so remember that and work lively.

So away went Aunt Gretchen, and poor Margaret looked about her to see where to There were the dishes to wash; the floor to scour and sand; the butter to churn the pigs to feed, and the garden to weed and the garden alone was a good day's work for a stout man, let alone a frail girl like

The poor child's heart sunk with disap-pointment, for she knew she could not accomplish half her task; but she went brave

ly to work at the dishes, resolving to do the best she could.

Before she had washed a dozen plates, Margaret had a strange, tired, sleepy feeling, which she could not resist, or understand. Why, what is the matter with me? I going to sleep in the daytime?" cried she, trying to hold her eyes open.

But they were too heavy-lidded to stay open; so pretty soon she dropped down on a low stool, with her head resting against the table, and, the first thing she knew, she didn't know any thing, for she was fast and

sound asleep.

Now, just before Margaret grew sleepy, there was something happened, which she

did not see, and it was this:
In at the window there came flying a tiny, radiant creature, scarcely larger than a great butterfly, with brilliant, silver wings, who carried in one little hand a silver-wand, hardly bigger than a common darning-needle. She waved this tiny wand a few times directly over Margaret's head, and then flew out again, so swiftly and silently, that Margaret had not the least idea any Then, you see, Margaret grew sleepy, and found herself unable to resist the spell.

How long Margaret wandered in the happy land of dreams, she did not know. At length a queer, buzzing, humming sound disturbed her, and she opened her eyes. For a moment she could not realize that they were pen, so strange was the appearance of the old kitchen.

But she was really awake, and it was the same old kitchen, only it was swarming with hundreds of busy little workers, not much larger than grasshoppers, who were perform-ing Margaret's task.

One small army had washed the dishes. and was already piling them upon the snowy shelves. Another little army was tugging away at the broom, sweeping and sanding the smooth floor. A whole troop of the little fellows had mounted the churn, and were tugging at the dasher, where the splashing sound told that the butter had al-

ready come.
Outside, the pigs were squealing their satisfaction over the dinner with which they had been bountifully provided, and, glancing through the window, Margaret saw nearly a hundred brown-coated little chaps running about among the fast-disappearing

weeds in the garden.
"Why? What?" said Margaret, raising her head in the greatest surprise; when suddenly, whiz! whir! away flew all the tiny visitants, and left her alone.

Yet, not quite alone, for a low, silvery laugh sounded close beside her, and, looking the same the great wooden bread-howl.

up, she saw the great wooden bread-bowl, bottom-side-up on the table, to furnish a seat for a beautiful little lady no bigger than a baby's doll, who wore a robe of richest urple velvet, and a crown of gold upon her ong, bright curls.

"Well, Margaret, can you guess who I am?" said this little creature, nodding and "I think you must be a fairy," said Mar-

The little thing smiled and nodded again. "Right, Margaret—I am Queen of the Fairies—all these busy little folks you saw just now, and ever so many more besides. Now, do you know why I sent my little people to help you to-day?"

"No, I'm sure I don't," said Margaret.

"Then, I will tell you. It was because we have seen how industrious and patient you are, while Aunt Gretchen is—well you.

you are, while Aunt Gretchen is—well, you know she is a little hard to please some folks are always the friends of the good and industrious, and they begged me to send Fairy Silverwings to put you to sleep while they did your work."

"I thank them very much indeed," said

Oh, you're quite welcome. Perhaps we will come and help you again, some time. You can easily finish your task now, and go to the fair to-morrow. And, here, Margaret, I will give you a fairy-gift before I

And, as the Fairy Queen spoke, she took from her bosom a little silver bell, and gave it to Margaret.

"There," said she, "whenever you need us to help you, ring this little bell, and we will come. Always carry it; only, mind, Margaret, and think no evil thoughts, or do any thing wrong, or you will lose your fairy bell. It will warn you when you feel wrong, and you must heed its voice, for only the good and pure-hearted can keep our gifts.'

Margaret tried to thank her kind friend but the little queen only nodded and smiled again, saying, gayly: "No, you need not thank me, I know all about it. And, now, good-by, Margaret, and a pleasant day to you to-morrow."

So away flew the bright little thing, and, if Margaret had not seen that her work was almost done, and held the little silver-bell in her hands, she might have believed it all a

She set merrily about finishing her task, and when Aunt Gretchen came home, everything was done, and in the nicest order pos

Aunt Gretchen was much surprised, but you know she promised if the work was done, Margaret might go to the fair, so she had to keep her promise. And next week I may tell you how she went, and what befell her there

FASHION'S VICTIMS.

Fashion kills more than toil and sorrow. Obedience to fashion is a greater transgression of the laws of woman's nature, a greater injury to her physical and mental constitution, than the hardships of poverty and neglect. The slave-woman at her task still lives and grows old, and sees two or three generations of her misstresses pass The washer-woman, with scarcely a ray of hope to cheer her in her toils, will live to see her fashionable sisters all extinct The kitchen-maid is hearty and strong, when her lady has to be nursed like a sick baby It is a sad truth that fashion-pampered women are always worthless for all good ends of life; they have but little force of character; they have still less power of moral will, and quite as little physical en-

ergy. They live for no great ends.

They are dolls, formed in the hands of milliners and servants, to be fed to order. If they rear children, servants and nurses all, save to conceive and give them birth. And when reared, what are they What do they amount to but weak scions of the old stock? Who ever heard of a fashionable woman's child exhibiting any virtue and power of mind for which it be came eminent? Read the biographies of our great and good men and women. Not one of them had a fashionable mother.

Readers and Contributors.

We return MSS, as follows; "Peppering Sionx;"
"The three Prizes;" "Over the Road;" "A Grim Ghost;" "Mr. Lunkey and the Rascal!" "Orphan Child's Dream; "The Hopeful Son;" "Lizzie Darrow's Wedding;" "A Fearful Leap;" "Major Duncan's Exploit."

The story, by an anonymous writer, on the "Delta Gamma Boys," is a silly swindle, having been drawn from "Tom Brown of Rugby."

The poems by Mary L. S. we are induced to place among the "doubtfuls." We must have assurances of their originality. MSS. following are not available; but no stamps were inclosed for their return, viz; "Cousin Claudia;" "A Snob's Punishment;" "Mercy and Faith;" "A Yarn;" "A Dark Day's Work;" "Gussie Gove's Adventure;" "The Village Belle;" "A Painted Face;" "One by One."

We file for use these contributions: "A Little Episode;" "The Sandal-Wood Fan;" "Bridget Murphy;" "Jewnusalem;" "The Onyx Ring;" "Light in the Dark;" "The Mysterious Guest."

The sketch by Miss P. P., Newberryport, we will retain for further consideration. Price not so much an object as quality. We only accept what is good. A package of MSS. came to us from Ontario, Canada, on which were postal dues of eighty cents. We of course did not receive it.

The two MSS. by Carl Drury we can not use. They came to us underpaid in postage, twenty-four cents. Authors must follow our instructions above—activasy to say "Book MS." on each package. "Authors' MS." will not do, unless the author pays full letter-postage. See reference to this matter in the "Arm-Chair."

HOWARD G. Your MSS is well enough, as to correctness of copy, but lacks that distinctive merit which makes any sketch or story desirable. Education alone can no more make an author than paints and brushes can make an artist. Talent for the author's vocation is just as essential as a talent for any other profession. We heartily wish some would-be writers for the press could comprehend this.

Amy Grosvenor. While we honor your independence in desiring to earn your own livelihood, you yet are bound to take no hasty step, nor venture into any business that your father, or some good, discreet male friend, has not investigated for you. To "start out for yourself" is a far more responsible act than for a boy to do the same thing, for you can be compromised in a hundred ways that would not affect a boy. No; take our advice, and be very careful to start right, or your whole life may be wrecked.

A. G. J. Queen Victoria was born in Kensington Palace, May 24th, 1819; succeeded to the throne, June 20, 1837, upon the death of her uncle. King William IV; married His Royal Highness Prince Albert, Feb. 10th, 1840.

GEORGE ELLIOT. Astrakan caps are not worn by gentlemen this season, soft-felt having the pre-

ALICE R. A lace sack, prettily lined with colored silk, and worn over a black silk dress, is a very pretty toilette for the house.

ADINA B. Ladies' linen cuffs are now made to match the collar, being turned over at the wrists, and embroidered, in many cases with monograms. Moina. There is a new color termed "Vendome Bronze" (resembling in shade the color of the "Column Vendome," that was thrown down during the late trouble in Paris), which has become very fashionable this season for silks and velvets. It is a color that is suitable to either blonde or brunette styles of beauty, and is alike "dressy" and service able.

Barner, London is by far the largest of civilized cities, the present population being 3,251,864, while of course New York is the greatest in magnitude of American cities. Paris ranges in population between London and New York. The next city in size to London, in the United Kingdom, is Liverpool, which has 493,346 inhabitants.

GEORGE WARE. The Money Order system, lately introduced into the United States' Postal arrangements, is a reliable method of sending money by mail. To forward money from New York to New Orleans, deposit the amount with the post-master. In exchange, you receive a "money order," which you can mail to the party for whom the money is intended, and by presenting it at the New Orleans post office, he will receive the amount in cash.

HARVEY. All Saints' Day comes on the first of HARVEY. All Saints Day comes on the first of November.

Henderson and Margaret. You will find the following rules are the best to be governed by in making a will: A will can not be made in language too simple or concise; it must be written with ink, on paper or parchment; and, if contained on one sheet, must be signed at the end by the testater, in the presence of two or more witnesses, and, if written on more than one sheet, the testator and the witnesses had better sign each sheet. The witnesses must rigidly comply with every particular required by the attestation clause, at the end of which clause they must sign their names. A codicil to a will is to be made with the same regulations as the will itself, and may be written thus: This is a codicil to my last will and testament, bearing date the—day of—18—, and which I direct to be taken as part thereof. I give, devise, and bequeath, etc. As witness my hand this—day of—Obliterations or alterations are dangerous, and when of necessity made, ought to be signed by the testator and witness. Marriage after making a will, renders the will void. It is not indispensable for a witness to know the contents of a will, which may be so folded as to prevent any other portion than the signature and attestation clauses being read.

Fanny K. asks if a gentleman could invite, with propriety, a lady friend of his to visit his mother and sisters, with whom she is unacquainted? He should first ask his mother or sisters to call upon his friend, and they should extend to her the invitation to visit them at their home.

MARY WEBSTER. The most fashionable furs worn this season are the Russian sable, costing from three to five hundred dollars per ordinary set. The "Fischer" furs are a new style this year—they are very handsome, and almost like the Russian sable, costing from sixty to one hundred dollars a set. MOLLIE VANE. A new style of goods called sating and serge, are the most stylish materials for ladies walking suits, this season.

Major Price. There are various ideas regarding which arm a gentleman should offer a lady, and upon which side he should be when promenading in the street. We should think that a lady, when walking with a gentleman, especially in the street, should take the right arm, for she is then not liable to be jostled by every passer by, as would be the case were she on the gentleman's left arm. As it is natural to "keep to the right," persons going in another direction pass upon the left side; therefore the gentleman receives the knocks which the lady would otherwise have to bear.

Ward Warden. In writing to a person who has

would otherwise have to bear.

WAED WAEREN. In writing to a person who has a prefix—or "handle," as it is called by some—to his name, such as Colonel, Doctor, Judge, Honorable, Professor, etc., never affix the word Esquire. Without the title prefixed, Esquire is proper, though if, in addressing the letter, the prefix "Mr." is used, then the "Esq." must be omitted.

ROBERT GRAY. In addressing a letter to the President of the United States, you may begin thus:

thus:

"To the President of the United States:

"Sir:"
and end it as follows:

"I have the honor to be, Mr. President,

"Your most obedient, and humble servant,
[Residence of writer.]

[Name of writer.] [Residence of writer.]

F. F. G. "What are dreams?" you ask. Dreams are said to be, in part, a reflex of our waking thoughts; the imagination indulges in fantasies without regard to reason, and rarely one dreams of real matter-of-fact reality. A late supper, trouble upon the mind, and other causes, will make one dream at night. Dreams are no more proof of a "guilty conscience," than going to Washington is proof of a man's want of honesty. Those who put faith in dreams, put faith in a rope of sand, or in a coquette, or in the theory of preconceived ideas.

Unanswered questions on hand will appear





ly in his arms.

THE COTTAGE ON THE HILL.

BY MATTIE DYER BRITTS.

There's a cosy little cottage on the hillside
With green trees growing all around,
And a sunny little stream in the meadow,
Where the clover-blossoms brighten all the
ground.
There I turn my willing footsteps in the twilight,
When the night draws her curtains calm and
still,
For I know a little girl who loves me dearly,
And her home is the cottage on the hill:
She's a sweet little girl and loves me dearly,
And she lives in the cottage on the hill.

I have looked into many lovely faces,
I have heard soft voices breathe my name,
I have seen rosy lips smile with pleusure,
And bright eyes grow brighter when I came.
But my heart would not waken to their wooing,
For its deepest chords will only thrill.
'Neath the fingers of the little girl who loves me,
Whose home is the cottage on the hill;
She's a sweet little girl and loves me dearly,
And she lives in the cottage on the hill.

The Red Rajah:

THE SCOURGE OF THE INDIES. A TALE OF THE MALAYAN ISLES.

BY FREDERICK WHITTAKER, (LAUNCE POYNTZ.)

AUTHOR OF "MUSTANG HUNTERS," "KNIGHT OF THE RUBIES," "THE GRIZZLY HUN-TERS," "THE BLACK WIZARD," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER X. THE HAPPY ISLAND.

A young girl of extraordinary beauty was reclined upon a gorgeous couch made of ebony and mother-of-pearl, and covered with China brocade. The couch was set in the midst of a large Persian carpet, as soft as velvet, and three inches thick. It lay in the center of a sort of pavillion or summer-house, framed of bamboo, covered with

gilding, and hung with silk curtains.

Outside the pavillion, nature and art had vied to make the surroundings beautiful. Such luxuriance of trees, fruit, flowers, and brightly-feathered birds, was never seen outside of the tropics. We are in an island where winter comes not; where the sun of the equator makes summer all the year round. The cocoa blooms perpetually there, and the king paradise-bird flits among the branches of the spice-trees.

But the eye of the observer would soon leave the surroundings, beautiful as they

were, to rest upon the perfect beauty of the girl in the pavillion.

Slight in figure was the girl, and graceful as an antelope. The great dark eyes, that looked at you so innocently, were as beautiful as any gazelle's. Her hair, which was plaited in two long braids, was of such ex-traordinary length as to touch the ground when she walked. Her face was pale, but perfect in every feature as that of the Venus of Canova, with a heavenly purity of expression such as statue never knew.

Such a girl might have been suddenly dropped by the fairies to gladden the earth. She seemed too beautiful and innocent for

She was magnificently dressed, in a gorgeous Oriental fashion; in cloth of gold sown with seed pearls; and the marvelous cambric of India, which the natives style "woven air," from its transparency and fineness, half-vailed the snowy bosom.

A dark slave girl, richly dressed, was fanning her with a large screen of paradise-bird's feathers, and her mistress was gazing through the parted curtains of the pavillion upon the moonlit sea, lost in reverie

Her eyes were fixed upon the long, tapering yards, and low dark hulls of a little fleet of prahus, that lay at anchor in a small bay

Several islands, their shores clothed with palm and banana, down to the water's edge, vere to be seen, dotting the sea outside The island appeared to be in the center of a

Presently the lovely girl spoke. Her voice was very low and soft, like the cooing of a ring-dove. She spoke in the Malay tongue, a marvelously melodious language

from her rose-lips.
"Tell me, Sandala, what are they doing in the fleet? Does the Rajah put forth to-

day?"
"The Rajah had some news this morning, lady. Kakoo came in under all sail; and ever since there has been a bustle of getting ready. May it please your resplendency, I see the great Rajah himself coming toward the pavillion, and it seems that he is

coming to speak to you."

The young lady half raised herself on her arm to look round. The curtains of the pavillion were looped up all round so as to admit the air, and the lower part of a man

could be seen, approaching slowly.
"It is he," murmured the girl, and a pleased smile lighted up her features. She at up on the couch and dropped her little feet over the side on the soft carpet. They were very little feet, no longer than a child's, and quite bare. The elegance and refinement around had failed to accomplish shoes and stockings. But no one who saw those little white, blue-veined feet resting there could have carped at the absence of either. Rather would they have gone down on their knees to kiss those perfect feet, so slender

and high-arched. The girl stood up and tripped forward, just as the curtains at the entrance were parted. The lofty plumes of a warrior's bright helmet were stooped under the hanging silk, and the next moment the tall, graceful form of the Red Rajah stood be-

side Marguerite de Favannes. Yes. It was our little Marguerite, shot up into maidenhood in those two short years under the equator. A white lily grown up among pools of blood; an angel from heaven among wild, human devils she seemed.

Pure and holy she was still, among those pirates. Those innocent dark eyes could never have looked out with such a guileless freedom, had any stain been on their own-er's soul. There she stood beside the pirate chief, her little head just reaching as high as his heart, and he looking down upon her, with a sort of protecting and yearning fond-

ness, inexpressibly loving The Red Rajah was handsomer than ever. He was clad in a species of chain armor, with undergarments of scarlet and gold, and glittered all over with costly jewels. His personal adornments were worth millions of dollars, so large and splendid were the jew-

els they bore. Marguerite greeted him with all the freedom of a child with a favorite uncle or cousin, and in French.

'And where have you been all the morn-

bored to death with the tiresome time I have

"I fear you will have to stay alone for a little while yet, Marguerite," replied the Rajah, with a grave smile; "I have to leave you this afternoon and depart, to be gone

"Oh! what shall I do, all alone?" exclaimed Marguerite, with a pretty little pout; "must I stay in all the time?" "Not now," he answered; "I shall have ample force to guard all the islands around

here, and you can go out whenever you But what can I do when you are away?" she asked, with the charming move of a be-wilderingly pretty, spoilt child; "I want you to stay to keep me company. I don't

want you to go away and leave me. You must stay. There."
"I wish I could, little humming-bird," said the stately warrior, looking down tenderly; "I wish I could stay here forever with you. But I have enemies, Marguerite —enemies as many as powerful, and I must be off to chastise them before they become

"But why can not you make peace with them?" asked Marguerite, innocently. Child-woman as she was, she had no idea that the Rajah was a pirate. To her he was only a sort of sea Bedouin, a warlike sea-king who had many quarrels with his neighbors. She saw herself surrounded with luxuries which were delightful. She did not know of the ruthless plunder and bloodshed by which they were obtained. The Red Rajah took care not to let her know him as any thing but a prince

Why can not you make peace with

The Rajah smiled. "They will have no peace," he answered, unless they can gain leave to burn down all our village here, and to shoot me and all my people. They have sent out fleets of junks and prahus, and several men-of-war of the English and Dutch, but they have never yet found me. Nor shall they yet. As soon as I hear that they propose to attack me, I attack them. And now I hear from Singapore, through one of my agents there, that certain of the merchants have re-solved to sweep the Red Rajah from the

I go to show them their mistake. "But why should they wish to harm you?" persisted Marguerite. "Did you ever harm them?"

The Rajah blushed for a moment—actu-

ally blushed at the home-thrust of the inno-

cent child 'Perhaps they think so," he answered, at last. "My fathers, before me, were rajahs of the sea, and claimed toll and tribute from all who sailed therein. If these Europeans would pay their toll cheerfully, I would not harm them; but they must needs fight; and if they get the worst of it, it is no fault of mine. But come, Marguerite. It is time I was going now. When I am away, remember that every thing on this island is yours. Your favorite haves away, remember that every thing on this island is yours. Your favorite horse, Mahlam, is ready for your use, with your dogs and falcons, if you wish to hunt. I leave behind me a swift prahu, under Keakoo, which will take you where you please among the islands. Keep up a good heart till I return, when I will tell you all about the brave fellows who came out to sweep the Red Rajah from the seas, and how they the Red Rajah from the seas, and how they did it.

As he spoke he bent his lofty head to brush the pure-white forehead with his long

Marguerite put her white arms around his

neck, as frankly as a child, but without exhibiting very much sorrow.

"Good-by," she said, brightly. "Be back soon. It will be very triste here when you are away." Good-by, Marguerite," he returned,

holding her off for a few moments to look at her with great tenderness

The girl returned the look with a smile Then the Rajah drew her to him once more, kissed her forehead twice, and so left the tent abruptly. As he went he heaved a deep sigh, and as he walked down to the boat, his head, usually so erect and proud, was sunk upon his breast in meditation.

Arrived at the little port, however, he flung off his reverie at once, and entered into the business before him with his whole

The pirate fleet was full of men, and bustle and hurry was the order of the day. Water bamboos were being hoisted aboard provisions being packed, guns burnished muskets, rifles and pistols polished bright Half-naked Dyaks were sharpening lance heads and war-axes; stately Malays poisoning their deadly krisses. When the Rajah appeared, a very few minutes sufficed to complete all the preparations for sea. Malay prahus, and especially those of the pirates, are got ready at short notice.

Inside of ten minutes the huge mat sails were hoisted, and swelling in the afternoon breeze. With a velocity that seemed incredible, in so light a wind, one after the other, the pirate prahus skimmed over the faintly-heaving sea, and ran off, wing-and-wing, like a flock of sea-gulls.

Marguerite had inserted her little feet in

a pair of velvet slippers, to walk abroad, by this time. She stood on the green slope that led down from the pavillion to the beach, watching the sea-rovers' departure. What a pretty sight she thought it; and how much prettier the sight of herself standing

She stood there, watching the rapid glid ing of the brown lateen sails, as the little fleet stood off in single file, the large prahu of the Red Rajah at the head, with the scarlet flag fluttering at its peak. At last the intervening islands shut out the view, as one after another of the swift vessels round-

ed it, and disappeared. Then Marguerite walked slowly back to her payilion, thinking within herself what she should do to amuse herself. She was surrounded by obsequious slaves, all ready to do her bidding, and vie with each other to please her.

Sandala first suggested a ride, and her mistress was graciously pleased to assent. So the horses were brought up, slight limbed, gracious creatures, with gorgeous

saddles and trappings from Japan.

The beautiful Marguerite had learned to ride as well as a man, and in the same style. The loose trowsers of her dress were deed, well adapted for such a mode of ex-

Light as a feather, she sprung into her seat, and calling for her favorite falcon, galloped away to the interior of the island, followed by half a dozen of her attendants. Marguerite was passionately fond of rid-

ing and falconry.

The island on which she was, the central ing, monsieur? I have not seen you since stronghold of the Red Rajah, was just the you bid me good-night last night, and I am size for a convenient ride, measuring about

twelve miles across. It was diversified with ofty rounded hills, and deep valleys, full of small game; and on the north side it ended in a marsh, which was full of waterfowl. Here Marguerite was fond of hawking,

and toward it she directed her charger's steps, anticipating sport. Nor was she disappointed. She was able to fly her little falcon successfully at several teal and small ducks, and enjoyed beautiful sport. There is something so peculiarly fascinating in the institution of falconry, that there is no wonder that our heroine was detained watching her falcon till yeary near supert watching her falcon till very near sunset.
At last, after a tough battle in the clouds

between the plucky little falcon and a duck twice his size, ending in the death of the latter, struck through the brain by the sharp talons of "Fire-eyes," the young lady turned her horse, and rode home, leaving her falconer to hood the little servant of

When she had climbed the hill, behind which her present home lay, she involuntarily drew the bridle to look behind her at

A broad path of gold lay across it, skirting the line of shore, and tipping every wave with fiery sparkles. Marguerite started, as she looked. About three miles from the island was a large brig, threading her way among the islets, whose cloud of snowy canvas appeared to be too large for the dark hull beneath. The stranger was coming as straight on as could be, apparently without any notion of danger.

Marguerite was astounded. She had not seen a vessel belonging to any civilized power ever since she had been on the island. Nothing but the piratical prahus, with their outlandish rig, had met her eyes.

At once it crossed her mind that they must be the Rajah's enemies come after him. What else could a vessel be doing there among those islands, where every stone concealed an enemy at ordinary

But the stranger appeared to have no fears, for he held on his course unflinch-ingly, till he had rounded a mountainous island, about a mile further on, when the wood-covered eminence concealed his sails

Marguerite sat on her horse, looking at the spot where the brig had vanished, till she was recalled to herself by her attendants riding up with the falcon. They had not seen the strange vessel, and she forbore to say any thing about it. She knew that in a very few hours the whole piratical popula-tion of the islands would be roused to attack the intruder, if seen by any of them. She did not wish to be accessory to the attack, herself. So she turned her horse and galloped back to the port, where lay the swift prahu under Kakoo's orders. She swift prahu under Kakoo's orders. She found every thing quiet. Nothing had been seen by any one there, and the shades of night were closing in. Marguerite retired to rest, full of conflicting thoughts. She had been perfectly happy while on the island, treated like a queen, and yet she felt now as if she wanted to escape—a certain longing to be free, to see civilization once more, took hold of her, and with them the rememberance of the handsome Monsieur Claude, who "used to be so kind to her Claude, who "used to be so kind to her when she was a child," she said to herself.

When she was a child! Why, she was so still, in all but age and physical develop-

ment. And the sight of the strange brig in a moment undid all the work of the Red Rajah, who had been slowly winning her heart to himself, with unexampled delicacy and kindness. The child forgot every thing in a moment, but her old friend Claude, and she felt certain that he was in that vessel, coming to rescue her. "He could do any thought Marguerite.

CHAPTER XI.

STEALING A PRINCESS.

MARGUERITE had let her book drop on her lap, and was gazing dreamily out into the night. She was all alone. Presently she began to talk to herself.

It must have been him," she murmured; "who else would come here among these wild people? Oh! my God! take care of Monsieur Claude, and bring him here quick to me. He was so kind to poor Marguerite, long, long ago, when the sav-Marguerite, long, long ago, when the savages killed poor, poor papa. Oh! Mon Dieu! send him to me quickly, for I want to go away. And yet the Rajah has been very kind to me. Why should I wish to leave him? Yes. But Monsieur Claude was papa's friend, and I did love him so. He was so kind to Marguerite!"
"Marguerite!"

The word came like an echo to her speech. For a moment she thought it was. She laughed.

What a funny echo! How did I never hear it before?" Then she paused and listened.

Again came the voice, soft and low.
"Marguerite"
The girl sprung up erect in a moment, her eyes dilated, her head on one side to catch the sound. She stood the picture of intense attention. 'Marguerite!"

A third time came the voice. There was no more doubt now. The child-woman threw up her eyes to heaven with delight, clasped her hands and faltered out:
Oh! Grand Dieu! C'est lui!"*

Claude himself pushed aside the curtains and entered the pavillion, and the next instant the lost Marguerite was found againfound and weeping on his bosom.
"Oh, Monsieur Claude!" she was saying;

"I knew you would come. I knew you would come at last. Oh! I am so glad. And you have come to take me to my aunt Eulalie, at Pondicherry—have you not? Oh! Monsieur Claude! was it not horrid of the wicked savages to kill poor papa? And our poor old Marie has died since; soon after we came here. She was buried close by. And the Rajah has been so kind to me, since he rescued me from those wicked sav-He has made me the princess over all these islands when he is away, and my own papa could not have been kinder. And yet, you know, Monsieur Claude, he will not tell me his name. I call him Rajah, and he tells me, if I want another name, to call him Lidah Sapuloh. But that only means 'ten tongues,' you know. Oh! Monsieur Claude! I've learned ever so much since you used to teach me in the poor old Philo-

Thus the glad child ran on, delighted to see her old friend once more. Claude, for his part, was in a whirl of wonder and admiration. Marguerite was grown so beautiful, so winning, so immensely changed from the quiet, slender child she had been when

got his vessel. Then he learned for the first time that she had seen him from the top of the hill, and that hers had been the form of the distant horsewoman he had seen. He told her in a few words that he had been cruising in the neighborhood in search of pirates, and had come there by acci-

he saw her last. Slender and small she was

still, but so beautifully rounded, with a shape that a sculptor might have modeled for Titania. The rough wanderer felt a strange rising at his heart, when he found this lovely little being, nestling so confiding-

She was so pretty and so innocent, a wo-man in appearance, an innocent child in her

manner. Presently she began to ask him how he came to find her out, and where he

"Pirates!" she exclaimed; "but there are no pirates here. My lord, the Red Rajah, rules over all these islands, and he is no pirate. He has many enemies, he tells

He has," said Peyton, dryly; "but did the has, said Feyton, dryly; "but hid it never strike you that a man whose hand is against every man, might have every man's hand against him; and so be a pirate?" "I don't know,"said Marguerite; "but if he is a pirate, he has been as kind to me as

an honest man, and never gave me cause to

"Tell me, Marguerite, who is this Red Rajah, that I have heard of so often as the scourge of the Archipelago? You have known him. Who is he?" asked Claude,

'I know no more than you," she answer-; "sometimes he tells me he is a Turk an Egyptian, an Armenian, who has studied in Paris. He talks French as well as I do. But I end in saying that I can not tell, for every day he appears different. He may be a Jew, pehaps. Papa told me they go

everywhere."

"Whoever he is, you have saved his life," answered Claude; "but you must not stay another hour in his power. Where is

'He went away to the south, with all his fleet, this very day," she answered; "news came from Singapore that his enemies were afoot, and the Rajah sailed to pursue them."

"It was me he was after," said the Virginian, laughing. "Well, if he catches me to the south, it will be funny. Now, Marguerite, will you go with me?"

"Surely I will," said the girl; "but why go now? I have power over all this island. Every one here obeys my will. To-morrow morning we will sail away quietly from here, and leave word for my lord, the Rajah, that we are gone. Then he can not say that his Marguerite deceived him."

"But the people here will not let you depart, foolish child," said Claude, impatiently. "You are deceived in them. As long as you do not try to leave, they will obey you, but they will not let you go. I tell you, child, they are pirates. This mysterious Red Rajah, whom no one knows, is the chief of all the pirates of the Archipelago.

If you wait till morning, there will be blood But the girl would not be persuaded Every soul on the island had bowed before her, and why should they now disobey her? Claude was reluctantly forced to yield to her arguments, and return to his vessel. He reached the boat waiting for him, without

molestation, and was rowed off to the brig, where he turned in, sulkily enough.

The brig's masts were quite invisible from the shore, being hidden behind a rocky islet. In the morning Claude was hidden among the trees on the summit of the islet watching the shore and the villege. the islet, watching the shore and the vil-lage. He saw a few women come out of the es first, and then the children began to toddle about.

At last the crew of the prahu were seen to stir, and Claude perceived that there were not more than twenty able-bodied men in prahu and village.

He waited impatiently for some signs of Marguerite's presence. He had resolved that he would carry her off at any risk, and began to doubt very seriously whether he ought not to bombard the village at once.

But just as his patience was giving way, he saw the well-known figure, glittering and bright with jewels, tripping out of the gilded pavillion Behind the pavillion, and higher up the

hill, were the lofty towers of the Rajah's palace, hidden among clustering thickets of roses. He saw the girl go toward this fairy-like structure, which he now noticed for the first time. The light, tough bamboo had been util-

ized here to the last extent of which it was capable, to make a lofty palace as light as a

Tall minarets, airy galleries, cool piazzas, and broad, spacious halls, were hidden away among the trees and flowers, so that you failed to see them at first. When they wer noticed, the effect was wonderfully airy and picturesque.

Peyton saw the island princess going to ward this palace. She was soon surrounded by crowds of slaves, to whom she appeared to be giving orders. After this, she turned round, and descended to the little village.

Claude could see the women and children salaaming, as she passed. The child had not deceived him. She seemed to be the queen of the pirates, for they bowed before her. She came to the jitty, and all the men of the prahu prostrated themselves before

She appeared to be giving them some or ders, for they began to bustle about, and get the vessel's sails out of the clumsy gaskets they were secured with. Pretty soon down came a procession of servants from the pal ace, each loaded with a bundle, with which

they went on board.

Peyton watched the proceedings with wonder, along with Mr. Rose, mate of the

brig. "What the devil is the little thing about?" What the devil is the little thing about?" ejaculated Rose. "Eh, by Jove, captain She's going to put to sea in that queer-look ing craft, there, I verily believe. And if she does, we shall never catch her."

Peyton did not answer for a moment. He was thinking of what could the girl be doing. At last he slapped his knee with a loud exclamation.
"I have it!" he cried. "Rose, did you

'I should rather think so." "Do you remember when Jessica runs away with Lorenzo, what she does besides?" "Takes all old Shylock's money, to be And serve him right, too, the old

ever read Shakspeare?

That's it, Rose. But I tell you what, I'm getting nervous about this business. Those Malay devils will never let her take them off in that prahu. How she has fooled them so far is more than I can tell." you have to do is to move out, and support her, with the long-boat. I'll get up steam, and follow her in a jiffy."

"A good idea, Rose," said the Virginian, delighted. "We'll put it into execution at

The long-boat still lay alongside, and the wild-looking Malay crew leaped into it in a moment. Peyton thought to himself, as he surveyed them, that it might be hard to tell which

them, that it might be hard to tell which side looked most piratical.

He pulled to the edge of the island, around whose corner he watched carefully for some minutes. The last of the train of servants had just deposited his bundle in the prahu, and was returning up the hill. The slight, glittering figure of Marguerite was standing on the pier-head, directing every thing.

thing.

When everybody's attention was busily engrossed with his work, the long-boat suddenly shot out from the shelter of the

island, and pulled toward the prahu.

They had crossed about half the distance, when a loud yell from the Malay pirates warned them that they were discovered. The rowers pulled as hard as they could, and were already near the pirates when the latter scattered in all directions, and dived

In a moment more they came pouring up, gun in hand, and opened a scattering fire on

Peyton was kneeling in the bow beside his murderous mitrailleur, when the first bullets began to whiz. He saw Marguerite run away into the village before he returned

Then, taking his station at about a hundred yards from the prahu, he ordered his men to stop rowing. Training his gun to sweep the pirate's deck, he commenced to

turn the crank. No one who has not seen the American mitrailleur at work, can form an idea of the horrible effects of its fire.

An incessant stream of fire and smoke, with a rattling repetition of cracks, as if a regiment were file-firing, burst from the strange-looking machine. A hail of bullets, like a storm, came driving over the pirate's deck, clearing it of foes in a moment. It seemed but an instant before they were yelling and shooting. Now they had disappeared, struck down in an instant by the leaden rain, mechanically and pitilessly ac-

With a yell of triumph the Malays resumed their oars, and dashed forward, boarding the prahu in short order.

When they reached her deck it was un-tenanted, save by shattered corpses and mu-tilated men, writhing and groaning. Claude leaped aboard, and then calling on his men to follow, dashed on to the pier, and ran up the street of the village, now all alive with fleeing women and children. Marguerite!" he shouted. "Margue-

rite! A light figure came running from between the houses, and he clasped her in his arms.
"Oh! how frightened I am!" she exclaimed. "Why did you do this? I told

you not to." Never mind now," he answered: "we have no time to lose, for every inmate of these accursed islands will be up and after us, before three hours are over. Come.' He hurried her on board the prahu, which

had been so unceremoniously cleared, and placed her in the cabin. 'Stay there till I tell you all's safe," he said, hurriedly, and went outside. He found his boat's crew employed in true Malay fashion, reckless of life. They were pitching overboard the wounded as well as dead pirates. So many of the Malays had suffered in former times from the cruelty of the Red Rajah and his men that Peyton was hardly surprised at their vindictiveness. But they had no time to lose. He knew that his enemies were many and cruel. The Avenger had got in her anchor, and was

steaming slowly up and down outside. Claude had resolved to carry off the prahu with him, and make for Singapore. At sunset, the same evening, the dark lateen sails of the foremost of a line of prahus hove in sight. It was the Red Ra-

ah, returning from his fruitless search The first object he saw was the smoke of his own burning palace.
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The Flaming Talisman:

THE UNFULFILLED VOW.

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"Herwin, come here," continued the oc-cupant of the barouche to Gerard Henricq, who was looking up the street, after Regi-Well, Orle, what will you have?" he

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asked, going to her. "When I asked you of Reginald Darnley, last night, you said you knew nothing of his whereabouts."

"I did," he replied, with an uneasy movement. "I doubted the truth of your answer, then; for, I reasoned that, if you had taken pains to learn of his departure, and would follow him, you would also keep close watch upon him. You told me a falsehood. You have deceived me. Chance fayors me; for here I find you walking arm in arm with him. Now, tell me where he lives—and speak the truth."

"Orle, why will you keep this up? Let him go-Answer me. Must I force you?"

"Force me?" "Ay; would you have me send you forever from my sight? Would you have me vow that you shall never hear another word of address from my lips? And this I will do !-even my occasional company shall be

Orle Deice was making use of a subtle power. She knew that the man before her loved her to madness. This threat startled "Tell me," she said, after a pause, where does Reginald Darnley live?"

The desired information was given, and, without deigning to thank him, she drove "After all," he muttered, scowling, as he After an, he intuitied, scowing, as he started from the spot, "even if she does see him, he may send her away in contempt. The secret will be out; she will be astounded, will profess no knowledge of the letter, and, perhaps, in a feeling of injured inno 'Well, captain," said Rose, quietly; "all | cence, her love for him will cool. He will

not believe her denials; he will turn his back upon her. How I hate him-more and more, whenever I hear her speak his name. I almost incline to assist Meg Sem-per in an opportunity to strike at his heart without waiting longer! It would rid me of a formidable rival. Aha! how I have of a formidate rival. Ana! how I have torniented him. My revenge is growing sweet, indeed. Silly fool! Had he but leoked at the paper, he would have seen that it contained no such notice. Only a trick of mine, to make him writhe the more. Ha! h-a! how sweet is revenge! My cheek is beginning to smart less. Soon the wound will heal, when I shall strike the

As the characters in this scene disappeared, a man who had been leaning against a tree, on the corner, whirled about, and gazed ofter the barouche.

He had been a sly listener and witness to

This party raised the handle of a white umbrella to his lips, and mused, aloud: "That's the same black-eyed vixen I saw

at the house in Richmond. Now, what the deuce is she doing here? So, she's well acquainted with that old villain. What a nest of 'em I'm unearthing. A regularly-organized ring, it seems, of genteel, aristocratic rascals—male and female. By George! where does she live? I must know that, and then I'll have 'em all netted."

As this latter thought struck him, he lingered not another second, but sped away in

He pulled his hat tighter on his head, and clutched his umbrella with a firm grip. He could not help recalling to mind a former race after a barouche, and the incidents connected with it.

"Now, if this one serves me as that one did," he resolved, mentally, "I'll give in, nd never chase another vehicle as long as I live-don't care who's in it.'

The barouche proceeded leisurely along, and when Crewly gained a position abreast of it, he experienced no difficulty in the

The hat slid to the back of his head, to let more air play upon his temples, and he kept a Bandanna handkerchief whisking spasmodically around his throat, and over

"That's more like it," he exclaimed, when he found it an easy matter to keep pace with the object of his pursuit. "Dreadful

warm, though—hot!" In front of the Kirkwood House, at Twelfth street, he met Waldron. Where to, Crewly?" asked the young

man, detaining him. "See that barouche, there?" was the interrogatory reply, pointing out to the

"Well, I'm after it. Look at her good. Know her? Ever see her before, eh?"
"The same girl we saw at the large house in Richmond," said Waldron, slowly, as he caught a momentary glimpse of the beauti-

Exactly. She's one of 'em."

"One of who?" "The gang-there, don't stop me; she'll get away. I want to cage her, too, when we grab 'em. Looks like a fascinating syren—a receiver of stolen goods, perhaps; a head center; queen of thieves, etc., etc. Go back to the hotel. See you to-night," and he started off at a rapid gait, to make

Henry Waldron gazed wonderingly after the lawyer, until the latter's fluttering duster was no longer visible in the throng, and then he entered the Kirkwood.

> CHAPTER XVIII. THE SPIDER ON THE WALL.

AFFER the departure of Orle Deice, Ce

cilia fell to thinking Impressed with the awe of solitude, and the naturally strange feelings of one abrupt ly taken from home and friends, to be sur-rounded by mysterious company—for those with whom she was thus thrown, were, to her, mysterious; and the more so, owing to mind, confused by the excitement of her situation, wandered in shadowy channels which left her surmising, questioning,

Thus she sat, when Orle had left her: attitude one of deepest revery, and her gaze rested vacantly on the sunrays that played through the half-open window on

the figured carpet. The house was on Seventeenth street, and, as we have stated, near the canal. Beyond the tow-path shone the silvery waters of the Potomac, whose marshes were waving in the gentle breeze, like an overgrown woodland of the Naiads; and among the green trees that lined the shore, birds were

reveling in the gayety of song.

To Cecilia's meditations wafted many a glad carol or murmuring whir, and cool airs winged across the trembling bosom of the river, fanned and played with her wealth of

Over the scenes of the past few days back to those loved ones in Richmond, who, notwithstanding all assurance, must long, heart-aching, for her return; to Reginald Darnley; to Henry Waldron; and the weird something that was to decide her choice in love; to the beautiful girl through whose solicitation she was there, and the singular story she had half told-at random fancy flew, and the moments lapsed unheeded at lightning speed.

Suddenly, she uttered a cry of horror. At her feet, in the sunlight, was a monstrous spider-its horrible little eyes fairly strous spider—its norrible fittle eyes fairly snapping fire. It was an ugly thing; a large body of brownish color—like a tiny, inflated bug—and head of bristled gray. Its numerous legs projected above the back, elbowing thence to the floor.

It began to move toward her. Powerless to move—as if riveted by some irresistible magnetism; speechless, her gaze fixed upon it, she drew back till she leaned against the window-frame, and her features overspread with an ashen hue.

It advanced; its two sharp, pincer-claws struck rapidly together, as if in anticipation of a bloody feast; it crawled upon her slipper, then on to her dress; presently, it rose above her knee, and, pausing there for a mo-ment, its body puffed out larger, and the poisonous mouth opened viciously.

Cecilia scarcely breathed. Chained in a dread spell, her heart stood still. The spider moved again. Slowly, slowly upward; then it was upon her shoulder. The flesh of the neck shrunk as that cold, clammy, dragging object was felt upon it; yet, she had no strength, she could not strike off the fearful monster! 101 eyo

But, it continued to climb. Up, up—then it was upon her head. Wonderful preserva-tion !—it had left her, and was now crawl-

ing up the window-frame.

The spell was broken. With a shriek she bounded from her seat, and, in the same instant the door opened, and Meg Semper entered.

Even the presence of the hag was a relief, after passing such an ordeal, and Cecilia ran to her, grasping her by the arm. Meg, not understanding the movement, tore the other's hands from their hold, and with a jerk and a push, sent her reeling

across the apartment.
"Devils aloose!" she cried, shrilly; "what's the matter with you? What do you catch hold of me that way for, eh? Are you going crazy? Do you want to tear me to pieces? I think you'd like to scratch my eyes out. Take care!—I don't think too much of you yet, my pretty lady. It's a favor that I haven't choked you since we came here—and I might do it now if I wanted to; it's a good chance. Take care how you grab me that way again—you scratch-cat!—or you'll find out what I am."

"I know well enough what you are," Cecilia said, with a shudder, as she retired to a further part of the room. 'And what am I, eh?" demanded Meg

Semper, with a harsh snap in her cracked voice, and advancing toward the girl. 'Keep off!" commanded Cecilia, sternly returning the flery gaze of the hag with an

unwavering glance.

"But, you said you knew what I was.

Now, what am I, eh?"

"I tell you to keep off. Leave this

"Oho! how long since you've been mis-tress here? Now, I know you're crazy!" still advancing, step by step, in a menacing

You had best keep away from me, Meg Semper."
"You'd better answer me!" hissed Meg,

slowly producing her murderous knife, while her eyes glittered threateningly.

But, the way Cecilia met this, surprised From the bosom of her dress, she too, drew forth a sharp, glistening blade of steel, and, while the look of some deep re-

solve settled on her face, she took a quick step toward her persecutor.
Unprepared for this, Meg Semper retreated. Cecilia smiled sarcastically. She con-cluded, from this, that the hag was a cow-

"Come, what's this? Are you at the girl again?" it was Nemil who uttered the growling words; and, turning to the African, who stood in the doorway, Meg

screamed:
"See, Nemil! she's got a knife!"
"Then, let her keep it. She'll hurt nobody without a cause."
"But, where'd she get it, eh? Where?

"No matter. Let her keep it—and do you remain away from its point, and cease your torments, or I'll stand guard over her, and w-r-i-n-g your n-e-c-k every time you come

"By Satan! you're her champion—you'll fight me, too!" "Rest your tongue—it makes my ears

"But, we must take the knife away from her." persisted Meg.
"I tell you, no; and I say, leave off. Ratta-ta-ta-chit-er-rit-arit, like a furnace-ham-

mer, until I tire with hearing you talk so much. Put a stick in your lips, and die, if you won't cease without. What brought you here? "I came to see if she wanted some

'And began with the threat of a knife? Bah!—go, now," and the black face wore an expression of contempt.
"Do you want dinner?" addressing Cecilia, briefly.
"You may bring me a light lunch, if you

will," she answered.

He vented a grunt, and followed Meg Semper, who was moving sullenly away. As the hag passed the door, a small, dark object fell from the ceiling, and struck upon her head. She jumped back, uttered a startled cry, that was half one of pain, then stamped something beneath her feet.

"Well, and what's the matter now?" de manded Nemil, colliding with her. "By the tail of the devil! you're always screeching like a hurt cat—and I tell you, I tire of it."
"Nasty thing! It bit me!"

"A spider! It bit me on the head. There!"—with a final stamp—"it won't bite again, I guess. My head aches already—" "Hunh !-- go on."

As soon as they were gone. Cecilia restored her knife to its sheath. 'To think that I should ever have to handle such a weapon!" she murmured. "Orle Deice was not wrong when forced it upon me and told me I might find it a welcome ally in her absence. How I tremble before that terrible hag! And,

how she seems to hate me! Ah! ves. Orle was telling me why, before she went out. I will learn more of her when she comes back. What a cloud of mystery seems While partaking of a tempting lunch, which Nemil brought, Orle returned.

"Pll join you in the meal," she said, bleasantly, seating herself at the table. My barouche is at the door, and I must be off again at once."
"This is unexpected, is it not?" "Yes. But, I may not be gone over a couple of hours. When I come back, I want to talk with you."

You will finish the narrative you began this morning 'Yes. Were you disturbed at all while I

"A great deal," answered Cecilia, prompt-"That fearful woman came here and tried to make me miserable by threats and menaces. But for the weapon you gave me, I fear I might have suffered much at her

Orle frowned, and the dark eyes sparkled with angry thought. "She threatened you?"

"What for?"

"I really can not imagine. I'm sure I offered no encouragement to her approach."
"I'll speak to Nemil. He'll see to it that she does not come near you again," Orle

Shortly arising from her seat, the beauty "A bracelet of gold, that you can not

guess where I am going." "To see Reginald Darnley."

Cecilia started. "I'll fix it so he shall come here to-night." "I'll fix it so he shall come here to night," added she; "then you shall see if I have something wrong, some cruel misuader-

With a further assurance that Meg Sem-

per should not again annoy her, she left As she walked away from Cecilia's room, Meg Semper came out of a closet on the op-posite side of the hall, and looked after her "Fix it so that he shall come here to

night!" she muttered, using Orle's words to Cecilia. "And if he does come—now, may Satan seize me if I don't sink my knife in Satan seize me if I don't sink my knife in his heart! I'll do't before he can get to her, and before the cursed Talisman can stay me! I will! So, she gave the knife to the girl, eh? Now, Orle Deice, beware!—don't fool with Meg Semper; for, if you do, though I swore to stay by you and never offer you harm, I'll kill you, too! I will!" and she shook her fist savagely at the retreating form of the beauty.

treating form of the beauty. Then, as she moved along the entry, she pressed her claw-like hands to her temples, and continued, in muttering strain:

"My head!—my head! It aches!—it aches! Devil eat that spider! Its bite was poisonous, I fear!"

CHAPTER XIX.

A WOMAN'S ARMS. Peace is the atmosphere I breathe,
And my calm mind goes to her dewy bower.
—Tupper.

REGINALD wished to avoid meeting Orle Deice. Satisfied, as he was, that she was the sole cause of all his troubles, and that but for her, he would not now be weighed down by the dreadful gloom of a murderer's life, he hated sight of her—hated thoughts

of her.
When he fled so abruptly—as if pursued the by a goblin whose presence chilled veins and balked the senses—he hoped to escape her entirely, and it was with a feel-ing of intense satisfaction he looked back and ascertained that she was not in pursuit

Half forgetting Gerard Henricq-in fact, careless as to that party's movements, he returned straightway to his rooms and lock-

Solitude had many fascinations for him-he could think, could brood upon the miseries of fate, with pictures and characters of his mind's creation to surround him; and melancholy musings oft stilled the unrest of his conscience with an indescribable in-

Early in the afternoon, a servant knocked at his door, and informed him that a visitor

was in the parlor.
"Man or woman?" he asked, gloomily, thinking at the same time it might be Orle Deice or Gerard Henricq.
"Woman, sir," was the servant's reply.
Reginald started.

Is there no name?-did you not bring a card?

No, sir." "Can you describe her?" frowning dark-

ly.

"A rather slender woman, sir, dressed in black—with very bright eyes and a han'some face."

"It is she!" interrupted the young man; and he fell to musing. "By Heaven! she must have tracked me, after all. She followed me; else, how discover my residence What to do?—have her sent away? Ay, bu would she go? No—it is useless to deny her; she is spirited, and will persist until the people in the house begin to wonder. Fate—fate—why is this being brought again upon my path? I had hoped that we ware perfect forces.

were parted forever—"
"What shall I tell her?" inquired the servant, who waited patiently in the door-

Orle Deice was ushered in. Her beauty of face and form seemed even greater at this moment. The lustrous eye sparkled doubly bright, the full lips, like half-opened rosebuds; were moist in their lewy sweetness; her raven tresses were su perbly arranged with jeweled pins; and, combining her costly and magnificent attire of gauzes, laces and illusions, the picture was that of a new-born goddess, whose advent was heralded by breaths of dreamy

Reginald!" She smiled and extended "Well, Orle—you here?" was the cold re-joinder, turning from her as he spoke.

"Yes, I have found you. But I had a

hard hunt. would it had been longer and less successful." Colder still.

She looked at him in wonderment.

"Is this your greeting, Reginald?" "I have none other to offer. Why are you here?"

Why am I here? What a question! Why, to see you." The bright beauty of her face was losing

color, and her voice faltered.
"And now that you do see me, have I altered much since we last met? I look ill, do I not? Well, I am: But you see me and-I beg you to depart. You can have nothing to keep you here."
"Why, how strangely you talk! You

are not yourself." "Strange? True, I am not myself. Please begone; your presence is distasteful." And he seated himself near a window, carelessly

turning over the leaves of a novel.

Orle contemplated him in astonishment. Was this the man she loved so deeply-the one who oft had whispered of an enduring affection, placed his heart where her own could feel its beating, snatched kisses in myriad from the lips she willingly yielded up to him? Could this be Reginald Darney, whom she so idolized, and whose warm ardor had vied with her own in vowing castled love? What meant this change? Why this distant bearing toward her?
"Reginald—what—what does this mean?"

The large, black eyes were opened wide, and the music of her voice was tremulous. He closed the book, and slowly raised his "Orle Deice, will you leave me? You

have already wrecked my life; why add to its gall by your presence? Go!" Her bosom heaved; something was cutting at her heart.

"Reginald!" she said, in a tremored whisper; "what do you mean?"

"Mean?"-starting to his feet-"I mean that I do not wish you near me. You are no less than a beautiful fiend, Orle Deice You have ruined me! You have deceived me! You have destroyed every golden faith I once placed in your professions of love! And, if you will but think, you will see how you have wrought this. It is need-less for me to tell you."

not told you the truth regarding his standing! Reginald, you are stabbing me! Each word you speak, is a knife-thrust at my bosom! Ruined you? Deceived you?

—never! In Heaven's name! explain."

She hurried to his side, as she concluded this brief, passionate outburst, and would have thrown her arms around his neck. But he cast her off.

"Orle Deice, let me ask you what you mean by this hypocrisy? Dare you hope that there is one particle even of friendship for you in my breast, after what you have done?"

'Reginald, as Heaven is my witness, I have done nothing!" she cried, passionately. "Oh! tell me—tell me of what I am ac-

His brow became stern; his eyes seemed lighting with their old brilliancy, and his lip quivered. A strange feeling crept over him as she made that declaration.
"Done nothing?" he repeated; then grasp-

ing her by the wrist, in a hold that was painful, he hissed: I once borrowed a sum of money from you.

"Yes," in a panting accent, while she trembled beneath his fierce glance. You said I need never return it, if I did not choose.'

"Yes, yes; and I meant it, Reginald."
"Meant it! Did you not send a negro to
my father's house, a few days ago, with a
note bearing your signature?—and, in that note did you not demand payment of the

"Reginald!" she gasped, interrupting a; "as I hope for peace in death—no, I

Reginald staggered from her, and clutched chair for support.
"You did not do this?" "Never! Do you believe me?" And now the arms that stole about his reck re-

mained there.
For some time the young man's mind was in a giddy whirl. A strange noise seemed

ringing in his ears; the lovely face that looked up to his, was but dimly seen.

Can—can it be, I have so wrongly judged you?" he uttered, chokingly.
"You have, Reginald!—you have!"
clinging tighter to him. "Tell me, now, what has happened. Let us clear away this

terrible mystery When he had calmed himself, he told her all. Orle was dumb in amazement. She knew nothing of the letter, and—oh! a sudden light flashed upon her; she guessed the source of all the trouble. But she did not

impart this guess to Reginald. Then she appeared to be thinking upon what he had said. When he spoke of poioning his father, a shudder convulsed her frame; but she did not stir-her thoughts were fastened upon that very subject.

Something perplexed her.

"Reginald, you say you tried to poison him, on Tuesdey night?"

"Sh! not so loud, Orle. Yes—I did not only try, but I did poison him!" glancing nervously around the room, as if fearful lest come eaverdropper should hear the dreat some eavesdropper should hear the dread

"And have you heard any thing of it since?" still in that thoughtful way.
"Yes. To-day in one of the city papers, a telegraph from Richmond spoke of it."
"Yet I saw him on Wednesday afternoon, before I left Richmond, walking the

Reginald's eyes were starting; his features whitened; he cried, in a hoarse whis-You saw him, Orle?-you saw him on

Wednesday afternoon? At what time?"
"It must have been nearly five o'clock. was on my way to the depot."
"And he looked well?"

The young man gasped forth this inquiry with a wild eagerness.

He remembered that Gerard Henricq had promised the death of Mervin Darnley, ithin ten hours after drinking the poison f Orle had seen the manufacturer at five clock on Wednesday, then the diabolical plot must have failed. In his state of acute

remorse, this hope was joy-imparting. A new warmth welled in his breast.

"Are you sure?" he questioned eagerly—
"are you sure you could not have been mis-

Quite sure, Reginald; for I know your cather well at sight."

When Orle Deice left him, he was an altered man. His form resumed the old carriage of confidence; a flash was on his check; in his face was an expression completely banishing the dejected look which and settled there in the few days nect.

ad settled there in the few days past. Her visit had served to drive away the somber clouds of despair, and leave him happy in the belief that a kind Providence intervened in some way to save him.

Something told him he was innocent of the crime he had striven at.

His brow was clear; his mind composed, as he walked to and fro; and suddenly he exclaimed with redeement. exclaimed, with vehemence:

"Now, Gerard Henricq—now get from my sight! No longer your slave, to be tor-tured and played with as you will, but once more a Darnley! And Orle-generous girl made me promise to draw on her for funds. We shall soon bid adieu to these dark scenes, and seek bliss amid the sunlight of a foreign clime. For I love her best!—I love Cecilia, too; but it is not such a love as that I bear Orle, and I would be sinning if I married her in those feelings. And I know she would be my wife, despite her father, if I asked it. Orle! Orle!— But I am thinking too fast. I shall see her to-night; she has given me her direction. Oh! once again those pleasant moments—how eager I am to welcome them! And why should I not be? Not a murderer!—ha! ha! ha!—but a man!—a man! Ah! my brain—how it whirls around! (To be continued—commenced in No. 90.)

The Mustangers:

A TALE OF THE CROSS TIMBERS.

CHAPTER XIX TOO LATE.

THE sun had set for more than an hour, and the whole canopy of heaven was covered with bright-twinkling stars. The prairie, sprinkled with little mottes of timber, here and there, lay silent around, only disturbed by the notunmusical howling of the prairie-wolves, as they sat in a great circle without, watching the camp-fire of the Regulators onging for the scraps.

The nightly serenade of the coyotes is the canstant companion of the prairie-traveler. The coyote seems to howl for his own The coyote seems to howl for his own amusement, or as a habit, and only stops have good hearing, madam!" You must

when disturbed. Therefore is he an excellent sentry for the lonely trapper, warning him of the approach of strangers, whether human or quadruped, by the sudden silence that ensues

The Regulators had gone into camp for the night, prairie-fashion. Their horses were herded close to them, with an armed sentry to stand guard over them, the animals themselves being hobbled. Later in the evening they would be brought in, and picketed closer to their owners, when sleeptime came; but at present the men were gathered around the great fire, each cooking his supper, while the animals fed under the

This supper was sufficiently simple. The carcasses of two animals lay on the ground near the fire, and each hunter drew his knife and cut off a slice for himself where he pleased, which he proceeded to toast upon his ramrod. The size of the slices depended on the appetite of the hunter, averaging from five to ten pounds. Indeed, it is astonishing, the quantity of meat which a hearty man, who has no other food, will consume. The meat and a draught of water from the stream constituted the whole

The two carcasses that lay on the ground were unmistakably horses, young mustang colts, shot in the course of the day's march,

—young, juicy, and succulent.

"We must be getting close to the Cross Timbers, colonel," remarked Baptiste, as he cut chunks of his horse-meat.

"Yonder they are," said Hays, briefly, pointing with his thumb across the river to the dark line of timber beyond. "We shall

come on your friend, Miquelez, to-morrew, I guess, if his pals haven't stampeded."
"The bar-keeper said that they talked of camping here, and driving mustangs," said Baptiste; "I don't suppose that he'll help the other two much. He never was much

of a rider, and he was always counted a horse-killer, down in Looziany." I know one of the men who's with him, well," said Hays; "Wash Carrol is one of the best mustangers on the plains. But then, those settlers coming here, whose wagon-tracks are out yonder, may drive away the mustangs, and Miquelez with them. We must look sharp to-morrow. You're

ready to swear to Miquelez's person, I suppose, if you see him.' "Certainly, colonel," said Baptiste, confidently; "I can swear to his face and figure. I've seen him many a time, and got

drunk with him." "Then you ought to know him," said Hays, with a smile. "Hark! What's that?" He rose to his feet, and left the circle of hunters, going out on the plain a few yards. The coyotes had stopped howling-sure to ken that something or somebody approached. Hays moved out still further, and threw

himself down on the earth to listen. All the hunters had stilled their talk and jests now. When Jack Hays moved out in that manner, everyone knew that he had heard something suspicious. But there was no stir or excitement. The men continued their supper, but each one picked up his rifle, still tearing at the meat in his left hand, and moved off towards the herd of hobbled horses, at an easy pace, but ready

for any thing that might happen.

Meantime, to Hays, listening intently, came a low, distant rumble on the soft turf, which finally resolved itself into the regular hoof-beats of a galloping horse. The Regulator lay there listening, till he was convinced that the sounds were approaching him, and, furthermore, that other horses were following the first. The whole were com-

ing from up-stream. Hays jumped up and hastened back to the fire, which he unceremoniously kicked ver, scattering the brands over the wet eass, and extinguishing the active flames,

eaving only red embers. 'Saddle up!" he cried, in clear, sharp tones; "something is up. They're chasing a fellow toward us. Hurry up, men."

The Regulators needed no more. They were already near their horses, and in a moment each man had seized the trailing lariat which they used, in imitation of the Indians, and led his horse toward the Saddle and bridle were alike lying in or-

der, ready to snatch up. It took but a min-ute to throw on the rough horse-hair mat that served for a saddle-blanket, draw the girth-strap through the rings, haul taut, and ecure it. Hays himself was the first man on horseback; and rode out into the prairie, just as the galloping hoofs became plainly audible, and a view of a dark figure, on a light-colored horse, could be caught through the gloom, galloping toward them.

"Fall in, men," said the sheriff, quietly; don't mount till I give the order." He rode forward himself to meet the newcomer, and to his astonishment, as he came near, he perceived that it was a lady. mounted on a white horse, spotted with black. The lady wore a dark riding-habit, and a hat with ostrich plumes, and dashed

up alongside of him quite fearlessly.

"Who are you, sir, in the name of Heaven?" she asked, hurriedly; "will you defend me from my pursuers?"

"Certainly, madam," answered Hays, politely; "against all the tribes of the plains, if need be. I am Colonel Jack Hays, Sheriff of Texas, with the Regulators. Who is after you, madam?"
"Indians, sir," she said, quickly; "but
they are headed by one who is far worse

than any Indian, a Portoguese murderer, named Miquelez." In his satisfaction at the news, Hays almost allowed an oath to escape him; but the native politeness of the borderer stifled

it, ere it passed him.
"Madam," said the Regulator, quickly, "you have brought us the best news that I ever heard. We are after that very man. Where is he now?"

'He must be some way behind, sir," she said; "my horse is very swift. I saw your fire, and galloped toward it. But—"
"Hush!" said Hays, suddenly. "Listen!"
He lifted his hand in an attitude of attention, and the lady listened with him. The

sound of many-horse hoofs was plainly audible on the prairie, but all in a moment there was a confused beating and scrambling, and the sounds stopped.

"They have pulled up," said Hays, in a low voice. "They must have caught sight of our fire. We shall have to chase them, What made you ride down our way, mad-

'I heard your bugle, sir, about sunset." answered Louisiana Dupre, for it was she; "It came to me twice on the wind, and I thought you were much nearer than you were. I have ridden full speed, for almost



"I feared to tell my friends what I heard," said Louie: "they would not have believed me. But I heard it plainly for one moment. I thought it must be United States soldiers. But, you, sir—have you heard no firing since sunset?"

'Not a shot, madam," said Hays. "Is there fighting going on?" "About ten miles from here, sir," she answered, "my uncle, Colonel Magoffin, is fighting a band of Indians, headed by one

Tiger Tail, a Seminole."

"Better and better!" said Hays; "madam, you have done nobly to-night. Before morning your friends shall be safe. Where are

"On the other side of the river, sir," she said; "I swam the stream on my horse, and attracted many of the Indians in pursuit, but heaven only knows how many were left. Pray, sir, shall we not start now?"
"There is no hurry, madam," said Hays,

who had been listening intently during the whole of this conversation; "your pursuers have halted. They don't like the sparks of fire here, and fear to advance, but don't like to fly. They can't tell how many we are. You'll see that, if we keep quiet, they'll some and the closer we get them. they'll come on; and the closer we get them, the better off we shall be when it comes to a

The whole party preserved a dead silence for some minutes, during which there was equal quiet on the prairie without. Hays finally threw his rifle over his arm, and, leaving his horse behind, moved off into the darkness ahead to reconnoiter. Louie took hold of his horse's bridle as naturally as could be, and without asking.

The figure of the Regulator chief was seen for some minutes, slowly advancing in a crouching posture, rifle in hand. Then he dropped to the earth, and disappeared from

view in the darkness. Louie waited, all attention. The Regulators stood at their horses' heads like black statues. The only sound heard was the oc-casional snort of a charger, and a low murmur of distant voices, from Louie's baffled

The girl knew well that, out there in the darkness, was the man who had murdered Oscar Peyton, her betrothed. No beard could hide him from her. She had recognized him in a moment. Her daring ride had been executed with the express object of drawing him off from the block-house, and it had succeeded so far. Would be her and it had succeeded so far. Would he be captured now?

While she sat on her horse, thinking these thoughts, and striving to pierce the dark-ness with her eyes, the distant murmur of voices ceased. Every man among the Regulators, silent and without orders, prepared

to mount his horse. Louie involuntarily straightened up in her saddle, and trembled with excitement and chill combined. Her long skirts were not dry yet, from her swim in the river, and the night air was cold. Suddenly, she heard a distant voice, from the party of her pursuers, utter a cry in the Indian language. The next minute there was a bright flash in the declaration of the party of the right of the rest of the right of the rest of the right of the darkness ahead, and the report of a rifle

Up sprung the Regulators to their horses, st as a yell burst from the darkness, fol-lowed by the flashes of forty or fifty rifles, all in a clump in the plain, some quarter of

But as soon as the first volley was off, it was answered by five distinct flashes, from the same point as the first, and the cries of anger and pain which followed from the Indians, showed that the repeating rifle of Colonel Jack Hays had not been aimed in vain at the crowded mass of his enemies.

Then a clear, sharp voice shouted back: "Forward, boys. Don't fire a shot!" Louie shook her rein and dashed forward; while the Regulators, all together, uttered a tremendous yell, and swept down toward the spot where the flash of their leader's rifle told them he was. In a moment they were up to him, while the Indians, never waiting the attack, were heard galloping off into the darkness at full speed,

There was a momentary halt around the sheriff, as he mounted his horse, but not for long. The active borderer leaped into his saddle, and led the pursuit at a round pace, after the sound of the fugitives horse-

Louie Dupre was beside him, her fleet litthe mare keeping up gallantly with the for-most, and away they went over the prairie. But before long the sound of the horse-hoofs in front became fainter and fainter,

hoofs in front became fainter and fainter, while it spread out to the right and left, as if the fugitives were scattering.

"Where are your friends?" called out Hays to Louie, at this time, as they galloped along, his voice nearly drowned in the thunder of hoofs.

"Up the river," answered Louie, in the same tone, and pointing that way as she spoke.

spoke.
"Can't catch these fellows to-night," cried flays, in accents broken by the rapid motion; "must do the best we can. Chase

straight up-stream."

Louie nodded her understanding, and away they went, straight up the stream, the fugitives in their front growing less and less every moment. Among the numerous mottes that abound on that prairie it was easy for most of the Indians to clude pursuit on so dark a night. Two or three prisoners was the utmost they could expect, unless the pursuers scattered, and Hays was too cautious a leader to allow that in an unknown

So up the river they went at full speed, keeping only some two or three fugitives in their front, whom they slowly gained upon. But half an hour's such riding brought them within hearing of the fight that still raged around the block-house, and in sight of a line of watchfires, built by the Indians in a circle around the place they were besigning. The flashes of rifles from the line of the block-house were so numerous, that Louie block-house were so numerous, that Louie thought that her uncle must have reached the place in safety, and she briefly explained

the fact to Hays as they galloped along.

They were still on the other side of the river, and about three miles below, when

the firing began to die away in fitful flashes, and Louie gave a sigh of relief

"Thank Heaven!" she said; "we shall be in time to help them. They have beaten

off the Indians. Hays made no answer for some minutes, as he galloped on. His eyes were fixed on the distant watchfires, and he seemed to have entirely forgotten the fugitives in his

"How many men has your uncle got?" he asked, abruptly.

"About twelve or fourteen, sir," said.
Louie, "if Mr. Carrol and Thornley are
with him, which I think, there are fifteen at least.'

"Carrol? What Carrol? Wash Carasked the sheriff.

"Yes, sir," panted Louie, out of breath from the rapid riding.

Are there any wagons?"

"Two, sir. They began to build a block-house, but—"

"Humph!" muttered Hays to himself with a grunt, just like an Indian. It was his only exclamation of any kind, except a

a very rare oath. The exclamation was called forth by the sudden bursting out of a bright flame on the summit of the knoll where the blockhouse stood. It rose higher and higher, the dark frame of the square edifice standing out boldly in relief against it, with several moving figures above the rampart. The fire proceeded from the two wagons which were drawn up by the entrance, both of which were in a bright blaze.

No sooner was the flame fairly alight than

a simultaneous volley came from all quar ters from the besiegers, and two of the fig ures on the ramparts were seen to toss their

arms up and fall back.

"Faster, men, faster!" cried Hays, for the first time seeming to be excited, as he spurred his horse violently. They had been riding at an easy gallop so far, but now the whole party strained every nerve, and swept on at full speed. on at full speed.

They had need to, if they had wished to

help the beleaguered settlers. As soon as the volley had been fired, a simultaneous rush was made from all quarters toward the block-house, amid yells that could be plainly

heard, even at that distance.

The Regulators dashed on as hard as they could go. Louie whipped her game little mare, till the creature seemed as if she would leap out of her skin. But faster than all their rush, was the desperate assault of the Indians, who seemed to be determined to succeed at any hazard, contrary to their usual cautious tactics.

They rushed on in a regular wave, which overflowed the block-house. There was seen a dense crowd close to the burning wagons, and then the echoes of the firing became a complete rattle from inside the edifice, mingled with yells, shouts, cries, and female shricks, as the desperate conflict began in-

"Yell, men! Yell!" cried Hays, at this moment. "Tis our only chance to save them. Yell like the devil! "Twill scare the

As he spoke, he fired a barrel of his revolver in the air, toward the distant blaze, and the Regulators raised a stentorian yell, firing a whole volley at an angle of fortyin the hope that something might reach

the Indians.

The device was so far successful that part of the Indians outside could be seen rushing down toward the river-bank, as if to rushing down toward the river-bank, as it to receive an enemy; but the contest inside the walls of the block-house grew hotter than ever, as the burning wagons blazed up brighter, and the Regulators galloped on.

Ten minutes more, and they were down by the banks of the stream, the water glowing in the west plants of the first publication.

by the banks of the stream, the water glowing in the red light of the fires, while the shouts and cries from the block-house were growing less and less. Hays dashed his horse into the ford, and splashed across, followed by his men, Louie in the midst of them, pale and trembling, but still firmly resolved to struggle on to save her friends. Several Indians came rushing down the further bank to oppose them firing hastily further bank, to oppose them, firing hastily into the water. But a volley of revolver-shots, and the sight of the formidable pum-

bers of the Regulators, changed their fight into flight in a single moment.

Yelling and firing as they went, the borderers plunged through, and climbed up the steep bank beyond as they best could. But the bank proved a more formidable obstacle than the foe. It caved in in so many places and gave them so much trouble, that it was fully ten minutes more of riding up and down to find a better place to climb, before down to find a better place to climb, before they succeeded in reaching the top by two and threes, and galloping down to the blockhouse.

But when they arrived at the top at last, it was empty of foes. The blockhouse they arrived at the top at last, it was empty of foes. The blockhouse the control of the shots were not answered, and the poor father fell to the earth at last, hopeless and despairing.

But at this sight quiet Jack Hays suddenly reased himself, and swore the only oath the was ever known to utter.

But when they arrived at the top at last, it was empty of foes. The block-house stood silent before them; the burning wagons were falling into glowing brands, and not an Indian was to be seen. Jack Hays rode up to the block-house, and shouted:

"Hilloa! in there! Who's alive?"
A faint voice answered!

Very few, neighbor."

CHAPTER XX.

THE BLOCK-HOUSE. WHEN the Regulators had all arrived, and not till then, the sheriff dismounted from his horse, passed by the remains of the burning wagons, which were standing at some little distance from the door of the blockhouse, and entered by the narrow aperture left for the purpose.

The right that mot his ever was sufficient

The sight that met his eyes was sufficiently horrible.

Men, women, and children; white, red Men, women, and children; white, red, and black, lay huddled together in the little inclosure, dead and dying, in heaps. The dead were all scalped, except the Indian portion of them, and were principally negroes, especially women and children. One white man, a huge, Herculcan fellow, in "butternut" clothes, lay on top of the heap, however, stone dead.

nut" clothes, lay on top of the heap, however, stone dead.

His rough, black beard bristled out from his chin, stiff and horrible-looking, and his glazed eyes and grinning teeth gave an expression of grim fierceness to the dead countenance, that caused an involuntary shudder. The grant's hands were both tightly clenched, each in the long hair of an Indian marriar shape faces were all marked out of dian warrior, whose faces were all mashed out of

His own scalp had been taken, and a deep cleft in the back of his head, showed how he had been killed.

Hays looked round in some surprise

Where are the rest of you?" he asked.
""Who called to me, just now?" "I did," said the same voice, from a corner of the block-house. "Kurn't git out, stranger, or I'd shake hands. Come and help me out, ef 'ye kin. This chile's the only critter left alive hyar, I do b'lieve."
Hays advanced to the corner of the block-house, and discovered the body of a man, lying with three dead Indians on him, from whom he was unable to extricate himself.

The man's face was seamed with a broad scar, the mark of some former fight, and Hays recognized Wash Carrol.
"That you, Wash?" was all he said; and proceeded to drag off the bodies of the sain Indians from the prostrate hunter.
When Wash Carrol was relieved of his builden he rose slewly to his feet and sur-

burden, he rose slowly to his feet, and surveyed his deliverer.

"Is that you, Sheriff?" he asked. "Lord alive! Ef we'd a know'd that, we mought hev ben alive now, me and my neighbor.

and the other fellers."

At this moment, Louisiana Dupre, ran into the block-house, and saw Wash standing there alone. She uttered a wild shrick, and ran forward, crying:
"My uncle? Tennie? My brother?
Where are they, Mr. Carrol? Oh! are they

No, miss," said Wash, eagerly, "They're

"No, miss," said Wash, eagerly. "They're acrost the river, a-kidin' in a motte, I guess. Me and Strother was all the white folkses hyar, and all the rest of us is dead."

"But where is my uncle?" cried Louie, wildly. "Where is my brother? Where is Tennie? How came they to leave here?"

"They slipped off arter dark, miss," said Wash, "along wi' Miss Tennie, yer cousin. 'Twar I as told'em to do it, 'cause I know'd as how Tiger Tail wanted the young lady, and we was bound as how he shouldn't hey her. Thar, over yonder she be in one o'

her. Thar, over yonder, she be, in one o' them mottes, and ef the Injuns don't git over thar, thur she's safe."

"Which motte are they in?" demanded Hays, quickly; "and how many of them are there?"

"There are only the cumel, and Mister Eugene, and Miss Tennie. Ed Thornley, my pardner, ez soon ez ever he h'ard that Miss Louie, hyar, hed rid off on sich a chase, he goes off like a madman to find her, and whar he are at this present time is more than Lin say. Ed kin take keer of hisself I

whar he are at this present time is more than I kin say. Ed kin take keer o' hisself, I guess, ef he kurn't find Miss Louie."

"Well," said Hays, gravely, "you people have made precious fools of yourselves, scattering in this way. I'll have hard work to find you all. Are you hurt much, Wash?"

"Reckon I am," said the mustanger faintly; "I knifed all three o' them cusses in the scrimmage, but I got two or three plugs myself, I guess. Poor Strother, thar, he got hold o' two on 'em, and smashed thur duried brains out together. He war an orful strong cuss, anyhow, he war.

The sound of a shot fired across the river, and a regular Indian yell, at this moment startled every one.

Jack Hays stamped his foot angrily, and I thought so. The stragglers have got

He ran outside, and went to the edge of the ran outside, and went to the edge of the bank to look across the river. The light of the burning wagons was reflected on the figures of several people on horseback, galloping down to the ford, pursued by the very Indians he had but lately pursued himself.

Louie Dupre came out after him, and recognized the figures of her brother, her un-cle, and Tennie, just as they leaped into the river, with the Indians hard after them. But whose was that form, mounted on a black steed, and dressed like a Mexican ranchero, who headed the Indians? Louisiana Dupre shuddered and shricked,

Louisiana Dupre shuddered and shrieked, as she recognized the evil spirit, Antonio Miquelez, and saw that he was whirling a lasso over his head. The next minute it flew far out over the water, and hovered over the head of poor Tennie Magoffin.

There was a shriek from the unhappy girl, and then the gazers saw her plucked from her horse, and whisked toward the shore in an instant, while the colonel and Eugene turned their horses, and rushed desperately on, to meet the terrible odds against them, but in vain.

Louie saw the Indians rush forward, and close around her cousin, beating off the

close around her cousin, beating off the frantic father, and shooting both the horses of the white men down. Then poor Tennie was dragged up from the ground, and placed upon the pommel of the Black Mustauger's saddle, when the whole party rode the discovered their mistake ere this. off across the prairie, and down-stream, with a yell of loud triumpla. Colonel Magoffin was seen to run forward on foot, firing his revolver, but the shots were not answered.

"Now, by the God who sees me," he said, in a deep voice, "I'll have that girl back, and kill that fellow, if it takes every horse in my command. Young lady, you stay here. I'll leave two men to guard you in this place. No answer. I must be in this place. No answer. I must be obeyed now." He spoke very differently from what he

In five minutes more, headed by their redoubtable leader, the Regulators were crashing down the bank into the river, after fast-vanishing forms of Miquelez and the Indians.

CHAPTER XXI.

THE LASSO CAST.

Our on the dark prairie beyond the river at the same time that the Regulators dashed down the bank, a single horseman drew rein at the edge of a motte, about a mile further down; and uttered a groan of disappointment, as he looked at the distant blaze of the burning wagons.

"Too late!" he muttered to himself. "I

have ridden all this distance, and lost my way among the mottes, for nothing. I can not find her. It was some other track which I must have followed. Where is she now Perhaps taken by that Justful devil, Tige Tail, and at his mercy, while all her family is slaughtered yonder; and I have left my comrade like a fool. What can I do? What shall I do? What ought I to do? Blow out my own brains, most likely."

He sat on his horse, bitterly musing, and

watching the flames, as if uncertain what to do. It was Edward Thornley, who, just as soon as he had heard from Tennie Magoffin, when he and Wash Carrol arrived at the block-house, of Louie's rash ride, had in-stantly plunged down the bank, regardless

of danger, and swum the river, the Indian bullets whistling round him.

Searching for her, he had lost his way, and emerged in sight of the river, having by a marvel escaped the scattered Indians of Miquelez's party. Now he dismounted from his horse, and stood watching the flames, wondering what had become of Louie, when he was startled by the sound of the instinct of self-preservation, he drew back into the motte, and beheld a party of mounted Indians pull up close to him, and stand still, listening.

At their head, to his intense surprise, he recognized the form of his late partner, Louis Lebar, easily distinguished from the rest by the broad hat and coarse profile, re-

lieved against the starlight.

Lebar held across his saddle-bow a female figure, and Edward felt his heart throb desperately at the bare possibility of who it might be. For a moment he was tempted. Pa.

thar. They cud never ha' flummoxed us as they hev, ef we'd a kep' the cunnel hyar, and the other fellers."

At this moment, Louisiana Dupre, ran into the held boars and saw Weih standing. listened.

Presently he heard Lebar say, in English,

to his captive:

"You may thank your stars, young lady, that you were not scalped long ago. Those cursed Regulators have robbed me of your cousin, but Tiger Tail and I will take our revenge out of you. You need not look back. I have thrown out the pursuers's second time, for all their smartness. There

second time, for all their smartness. There they go now, the fools, after another man, with a bundle in a blanket before him, to represent you, while I carry you in my arms, my dainty Miss Magoffin."

Thornley shuddered with aversion as he listened, but he could tell that Lebar's words were true, for the sound of other horses at full gallop, and the jingle of highest at some distance further toward the river, announced that the pursuers, whoever river, announced that the pursuers, whoever they were, were passing by. For the first time, the young mustanger learned that Louie had succeeded in her dangerous enterprise, and that the famous Regulators were near at hand.

Two hours ago, under the same circumstances, he would have fired at Lebar, dashed out to rescue Tennic, and lost his life without saving her; but his long and disappointing ride had recalled to the young man all the coolness and woodcraft he ever possessed; and he resolved to wait, and watch his opportunity to do substantial ser-

Lebar laughed sardonically, as he listened to the sound of the horse-hoofs, dying away

in the distance. "There they go, Miss Magoffin," he said, on a wild-goose chase after a blanket, and "On a wild-goose chase after a blanket, and you can't scream, my pretty Tennie, because I'll choke you if you try it. By heavens! if it were not that I have promised you to my friend, Tiger Tail, I should feel very much tempted to take you for a substitute for your cousin; but then these fellows would tell Tiger Tail, and I don't care to offend him just yet. I want his help to carry of your pretty cousin. So I won't even taste those red lips of yours, but will go quietly along to my friend's stronghold, in the very midst of the Cross Timbers, and let who can, find us."

Thornley never stirred in all this time, though he listened anxiously to hear if Tennie answered. But the high-spirited girl did not utter a single word, which she knew would only meet with fresh insult.

Pretty soon, Lebar observed, in English: "Well, boys, we'll go now, I think."

He added some instructions in Seminole,

He added some instructions in Seminole which Thornley did not understand, and th whole band moved off at a walk, on the trail of the very men who were after them. The mustanger waited till they were some dis-tance ahead, when he mounted and followed, taking care to keep his horse in the shadow of the mottes that were on his way.

He followed for about two miles, when
Lebar turned round and rode toward the river. Thornley perceived, from the lay of the land, that they were opposite to the camp of Tiger Tail, which he had visited that morning, and judged that Lebar's in-tention must be to go there. Just as the

renegade turned toward the river, they heard the sound of shots far ahead, where the deceived Regulators, no doubt, were.

As soon as Lebar heard the sound, he quickened his pace, and rode rapidly to the river-bank, down which he rode, with all his men, and entered the water. The firing from the Regulators soon ceased, and Thorn-lev judged that they must have evertaken

He remained in his concealment, closely watching the retiring Indians, till he heard shorts, and the gallop of approaching horses told him that his suspicions were correct.

At the sound of the returning hunters, Lebar's men halted on the other side of the The night was still so dark that they were

perfectly invisible, but Thornley could tell it, by the cessation of the noise of hoofs. He moved out from the motte-side, and stood in the path of the returning Texans, so as to give them the earliest intimation.

give them the earliest intimation.

They came dashing up, and he was quickly surrounded by several suspicious Regulators, who gruffly demanded his name. They were called off by the sheriff, who put the same question to him, more quietly.

Thornley, never moving his eyes from the motte, under whose shadow he knew the Indians to be standing, told his name, and the news which he had to communicate.

"The Indians out yonder have got Miss Magoffin," he said; "and if you want to take them, I would recommend you to stop right here till morning. If you chase them now, they may get off into the bushes and escape, but they won't dare to stir, for fer r of being heard, if you stay on this side of the river, and pretend not to know they are

Hays reflected a moment, when he ad mitted that the advice was good, and he and Thornley concocted a plan by which they expected to capture the whole force of the Indians, including Miquelez, and rescue

The plan settled, Thornky, Hays, and twenty of the best mounted borderers, rode off toward the block-house, leaving the lieutenant of the band to watch the Indians. (To be continued Commenced in No. 91.)

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TO FRED-ON A BIRTH-DAY OCCA-SION

BY JOE JOT, JR.

In looking o'er the family scroll
Of births, and so forth, ad instritum,
I nearly lost my self-control
To find recorded there this item:
"At ten o'clock, November first,
Year Eighteen hundred—balance missing,
Joseph Demosthenes De Hurst,
The smallest Jot, God bless the blessing."

Now, I'll expect you on that day;
So, write for benefit of clients
Upon your slate—"Shall be away
A week upon a tour of science."
The man who hesitates is—well.
Is worse than lost, so mind you hurry.
Brown will be here, and Smith and Bill,
And also we'll have—Tom and Jerry!

Behold, I stand in man's estate
An older one but not a wiser;
My chances of becoming great
Are truly very high—and dry, sir;
I need your sympathy, my boy,
Because, you see, I'm growing older,
And though you can not give me joy,
We'll give to dull care the cold shoulder.

Come; we will try to give you cheer,
In spite of unpropitious season;
We'll have a talk on all things dear,
"With flow of souls and feasts of reason;"
We'll have some hours of rarest sport,
Nor heed how fast those hours will travel; Our jovial college days, in short, So long wound up, we will unravel.

At night we dance; the beauteous maids
From all the country round you'll see here;
Kate, whom you loved, how romance fades!
Has long since married, but she'll be here!
The folks at home are hard at work,
And every hand is in the dough, sir.
They keep me running like a Turk
Between the baker and the grocer.

And every thing is upside down.
To be brought round in perfect order;
A host will be here from the town,
And all the girls upon the border.
Come; but if you muss stay at home,
Attending to your duties, greater;
Rather than not to see you come,
I'll set the day a tittle later!

The Step-Brothers.

A STORY OF COLONIAL TIMES. BY CAPT. CHARLES HOWARD.

ONE sultry summer evening in the year 1675—a dark year for the brave colonists of Massachusetts—two young men confronted each other upon the shore of the lovely

Narragansett Bay.
"William," said one, whose countenance beamed with great intellectuality, "I am astounded at your unbrotherly conduct. For fifteen years we have shared the same bed beneath my father's roof; ate at the same table; shared the little sorrows and joys of childhood with each other, and grew to man-hood, side by side. And, now, because the fairest woman in Massachusetts has promised to become my bride, you curse me, and wear that I shall never wed her," and the speaker gazed reproachfully into his step-

"And I will keep that oath, if you persist in your present course," was the response; and William Hartley clenched his effeminate hands until the untrimmed nails sorrowfully wounded the soft, white palms.
"For shame, William!"

"Ha (you think I will not fulfill my oath," cried William. "Though you have been my companion for years, Volney, you do not know the heart that beats within my I have loved Editha Wagner a bosom. long time-loved her in secret, and in secret worshiped her. Last night I made bold to approach the haughty beauty, and crave the hand I have worshiped so long. And what

"That she was my promised bride."
"Yes, and in the bitterness of my disap pointment, I cursed her, and hurled male dictions on your head, for, were it not for your hated form, I would be the happiest mortal on earth.

Volney Mather smiled. "Smile over your victory," cried William, with a sneer; "but the day is coming in which you will curse the bour when she gave you the betrothal kiss."

"I fear not a coward's threats."
"A coward! In the future you shall eat these words or die," and Will'iam Hartley strode from his step-brother, livid with

rage. "This hour," he continued, suddenly pausing and confronting Volney, "I leave the roof that has sheltered me so many vears-whose memories now I curse be cause you are associated with them. I blaspiteme the holy Sabbath day that gave you birth. I go but to return, in the fire and smoke of

"What mean you, William?" exclaimed Volney, rushing forward. "I mean that Philip, the great King of the Wampanoags, has declared for war. He has sent his women and children to the Nar-

ragansetts for protection; and the coming week will witness the inauguration of hos-

"This is news to me; but I can not credit it," said Volney. "Philip is too chivalrous to unearth the hatchet.'

You shall see, disbeliever!" said William, hurrying away. "This day do I alienate myself from my people. I join the dusky cohorts of the red king, and Editha Wagner becomes the bride of the White Chief." 'Go!" shouted Volney Mather.

base-hearted renegade, brother of mine no longer; and when the war-cloud bursts pray that we may meet in the red field of

The speaker watched his step-brother dis appear from sight, and then retraced his steps to Swanzey.

The young renegade's prophesy regarding the bursting of the war-cloud, was ful-The ensuing week witnessed the carnival

of destruction. Issuing from his wooded fortresses, Philip led his red demons upon the unprotected settlers, and the smoke of burning cabins was discernible on every hand. While the feeble government was arming for the conflict, the work of destruction continued, and at times it seemed as though the entire colony would be stricken from existence by the gory tomahawk.

Among the red hounds stalked William

Hartley, disguised as a Wampanoag chief! When the news of the Indian massacre reached Swanzey, Volney Mather, scarcely crediting them, mounted his horse, and rode from the town in the direction of the home of the Wagners, several miles from the vil-

lage.

The Wagners, by hard toil, had amassed quite a deal of wealth, and their residence. was, consequently, much larger and better than the abodes of their less wealthy neigh-

As young Mather approached the dwelling, an ominous silence brooded over the

place; and not a soul greeted his vision as he entered the great gate, and rode up the

He advanced; the silence became almost palpable, and when his eye fell upon the gory form of the noble white watch-dog, that lay beside the path, an icy chill of hor ror crept to his heart, and he quickened his animal's gait.

At the front porch he dismounted, and

picturing the horrible sight he expected to behold within the building, paused with a

faint heart, afraid to enter.

While thus, with fearful heart, he stood amid desolation, a child's shout saluted his ears, and up from the cellar bounded a little girl, who ran to him with a cry of joy. At least, little Lucy, the pet of the house hold, was saved!

The young man dropped the rein of his faithful steed, and raised the child in his arms.
"Lucy, dear little child," he said, gazing

tearfully upon the wan, pale face of the lit-tle one, "tell me all."

Assured by his kind look and tears of sym-

pathy, in her childish way she related the story of the swoop of the red hawks. The night previous, the house was surrounded by Indians, her father slain while defending his children, and Editha car-ried into captivity by a chief, who spoke English remarkably well. During the melee the little narrator sought refuge in the cellar, where she was not discovered by the red

When Lucy told Volney Mather that Editha's captor called her by name, he covered his face with his hands and groaned: My God! That man was William Hart-

marauders.

Then he entered the building, and, in the rear of his once happy home, Richard Wagner was decently buried.

Like the wind the young colonist bore Lucy to Swanzey; and that night he rode again from the village.

Once in the darkest recesses of the forest,

the now thoroughly aroused and enraged young man doffed his civilized habiliments, and, to all outward appearances, became a

Wampanoag warrior.
His accurate knowledge of the language and customs of his enemies, completed the deception, and, ere dawn, he fearlessly stalked into the great council-house, where the chiefs were debating their plans for con-inued massacre. He proclaimed himself

not a sign of fear visible upon her beautiful face. "He would enslave me, and death at the stake would be your doom. Death, sooner than such fates!"

He kissed the tempting lips upturned to him, and told her that a leap from the cliffs

might not prove their doom.

Their chance for escape was what the first numeral is to one hundred.

Horrified at the colonist's bravery, the savages paused, and some drew back with

corror and amazement.

Suddenly, one sprung forward.
"I know you now!" he cried, "Curse you, Volney Mather, you shall not triumph!" and his hand darted forward to snatch Editha from her lover's grasp.

But, he never accomplished his fell pur-ose. Volney's tomahawk crashed into his temple, and, before he could touch the earth, his avenging step-brother's hand clutched his throat, and hurled his hated body over the cliffs!

Then the Indians sprung forward; but, their hands closed on cold night-air, for the

overs had disappeared! Far below, among the waves, their fall being broken by many boughs of trees, Volney Mather and the woman he loved struggled for life.

After superhuman efforts they reached the opposite shore, and while they paused to re-gain exhausted strength, a white face floated past. It was the face of William Hartley, the renegade!
Believing the lovers dead, the Indians did

not pursue; and when the simoon of blood-shed had passed over the colonies, Volney Mather took unto himself a bride, and th old Wagner house became a happy home again.

Camp-Fire Yarns. How Rube and Billee "Slung" the Bufflers.

BY RALPH RINGWOOD.

"HE-HE-HEE! Ho-ho-hoo-o!" roared Old Rube, lying back on the grass, and fairly kicking up his heels. His comrade, sworn chum, Bill Grady, had said something to him in an undertone, and straightway the old fellow had gone off almost in convul-

all doubled up wi' larfin', when the ole man skipped up behind an' knocked me clean into ther brier-patch wi' a clap-board laid on 'bout hyar, an' I ups an' tells him all about

"'We hain't got no cats,' sez Billee, 'but we ar' got bufflers, an' they'll do I reckon, fer want o' better.'

"At fust I thort he war jokin', but when he sed how it could be did, I jess like to 'a' busted wi' on'y thinkin' how funny 'twould "Next mornin', airly, we war up an' git-

tin' reddy fer the spree.

"We both picked out ther best lariats we hed, an' takin' a spar' 'un along, we mounted an' put fer the perairy, whar' we see a drove the evenin' afore.

Shore enuff thar' they war! A bustin' drove uv 'em, an' the ole bulls purty much tergither over by the edge uv the timmer. See them two ole chaps, clost alongside one 'nuther,' sed Billee.
"" Them's our meat,' sez I, an' arter scout-

in' aroun' through the timmer a bit, we kum purty nigh to whar' they war feedin'.

"' Ar' yer ready, Rube?' sez Billee.

"'I jess ar',' sez I, an' out we busted, wess'n a hurricane, an' afore ther bulls

wass I a military, an alto the bank knowed whar' we war, we war alongside. "'T've got mine!" yelled Billee, a second arter I see him throw his lariat. "Ther words warn't more'n out afore I

hed my feller all fast an' tight. Quick, Rube! this a-way! shouts Billee, es ther two bulls broke away runnin' side by side, jess es ef they war hitched in har-

"I got over to whar' Billee war es soon es posserble, an' handed him my lariat, which he took an' tied fast onto the'r eend uv his'n, an' then drapped 'em both.
"'Now fer to start'em different ways,' sez

Billee, an' we begun pressin' them brutes so hard that they shied off an' started, one turnin' a leetle south'ard an' t'other more to "When we see thet, we pulled up and

waited to see ther fun.
'Lordy, boyees! I wish you on'y ked 'a' seen them bulls when ther line begin ter tighten on 'em. "Billee's bull war a leetle the biggest, an'

so mine war the fust to flop over.
"Sich a beller es thet 'ere buffler give when he struck the groun', feet uppermost.
"Uv coorse, when he war down it suddently checked up t'other 'un, an' kerflum-

mornin', durned glad to do so, an' both sw'arin' thet we'd never sling anuther buf-fler-bull. Didn't we, Billee?"

on us an' the bulls.
"Well, they kep' us at it till we both guv out, an' then they untied us an' took to ther timmer, whar' they camped fer ther night. "In course Billee an' me left 'em afore

Short Stories from History.

Female Heroism.—To men belong not all the honor of deeds of valor and heroism in arms. History is full of instances wherein women performed acts and deeds which history will not let die. This is a case in point:

When Charles the Twelfth invaded Norway, in the year 1716, the main body of his army advanced toward Christiana, whence detachment was sent to destroy the silver works at Konsberg. On this expedition, a party of eight hundred horsemen, commanded by Colonel Loeven, passed through a narrow defile in Harestuewood, and quartered for the night at Norderhoug, in the neighborhood of which a small detachment of Norwegian dragoons had been stationed to watch the motions of the enemy. The Swedish commander, who put up at the parsonage, soon after his arrival received information that the Norwegians were only at the distance of three miles, and alto-gether ignorant of his arrival. Mrs. Anna Colbioernsen, the wife of the clergyman, who was confined at the time to his bed, happened to overhear a consultation among her guests, at which it was resolved to attack the Norwegians by break of day, and then to march against Konsberg. She immediately determined to apprise her country-men of their danger. In the meantime the greatest attention was paid to her guests; and while she appeared wholly occupied in providing for their entertainment, improved her information. She displayed equal apparent benevolence toward the comforts of the private soldiers; and on pretext of wanting other necessaries to complete their entertainment, she dispatched a servant, as it were, to procure them.

The Swedish colonel, in the meantime, inquired of Mrs. Colbioernsen the road to Stein, where he intended to station his outposts, and was completely deceived by her replies. He ordered his horses to be kept in readiness at the door; but she contrived to make the grooms intoxicated, upon which she put the horses in the stable and locked the door. Her next object was, under the plea of compassion, to obtain permission of the colonel to light a fire in the yard to comfort his men. This fire she insensibly increased to such a degree, that it served as a beacon to guide the Norwegians to the spot; for she had informed her countrymen that a fire would be a signal for them to advance. Every thing succeeded to her utmost wishes; and her address and intrepidity were rewarded by the arrival of the Norwegians at her house, without discovery. They took the Swedish colonel prisoner, and either cut to pieces, or put to flight, the whole of his party; upon which they sat down to the entertainment which Mrs. Col-bioernsen had provided for their enemies.

The next morning she went out, in company with another female, to view the field of battle. The Swedes, who had fled during the night, in the mean time rallied, and being still superior in numbers to the Norwegians, they resolved to attack them; but being ignorant of the force of the enemy, they sent out a reconnoitering party; who in falling in with Mrs. Colbioernsen, the corbine to her breast, demanded instant infor mation as to the position and numbers of the Norwegians. Her companion fainted away but Mrs. Colbioerensen boldly asked, it the order of your king to shoot old women?" The corporal, abashed, removed his carbine, but persisted in his first ques-"As to their numbers," she replied that you may easily find out, as they are at this moment mustering behind the church. in order to pursue you. More I can not tell you, not having counted them; but this I know, they are as numerous as the bees in a hive." Relying upon this intelligence, the party returned to their countrymen, who fled in all directions; and such was their confusion and disorder, that many were taken by the natives, and many lost in the

An Augsburg journal gives a singular account of the heroism and presence of mind displayed by the daughter of a gameke residing in a solitary house, near Welheim. Her father and the rest of the family had gone to church, when there appeared at the door an old man, apparently half-dead with cold. Feeling for his situation, she let him in, and went into the kitchen to prepare him some soup. Through a window which communicated from the room in which she had left him with the kitchen, she perceived that he had dropt the beard he wore when he entered; and that he now appeared a robust man; and that he was pacing the chamber with a poniard in his hand. Finding no mode of escape, she armed herself with a chopper in one hand and the boiling soup in the other, and, entering the room where he was, first threw the soup in his face, and then struck him a blow with the hatchet on his neck, which brought him to the ground senseless. At this moment a fresh knock at the door occasioned her to look out of an upper window, when she saw a strange hunter, who demanded admittance, and, on her refusal, threatened to break open the door; she immediately got her father's gun, and, as he was proceeding to put his threat into execution, she shot him through the right shoulder, on which he made his way back to the forest. Half an hour after, a third person came, and asked after an old man who must have passed that way. She said she knew nothing of him; and, after useless menaces, if she did not open the door, he also proceeded to break it in, when she shot him dead on the spot. The excitement of her courage being now at an end, her spirits began to sink, and she fired shots and screamed from the windows, until some gens d'armes were attracted to the house, but nothing would induce her to open the door until the return of her father from A Lacedamonian mother had five sons in

a battle that was fought near Sparta, and, seing a soldier that had left the scene of action, eagerly inquired of him how affairs went on? "All your five sons are slain," said he. "Unhappy wretch!" replied the woman, "I ask thee not of what concerns my children, but of what concerns my coun-As to that, all is well," said the soldier. "Then," said she, "let them mourn that are miserable; my country is prosperous, and I am happy.



the forerunner of a band of northern Indians, then on their way to join their red brethren, and found himself received into

On leaden wings night seemed to approach and when its last and darkest shadow fell upon the Wampanoags' camp, the stranger runner left his lodge, and glided away among

During the day he had discovered Editha's prison, and, intent upon the freedom of the sorrowing captive, he stealthily approached

Before the heavy bark door lay the stalwart form of a sleeping and hideously paint ed savage, over whom the rescuer stepped.

Editha Wagner slept not. Grief kept her lids unclosed, and in silence she brooded over her situation, and the fate she felt was in store for her.

She sprung to her feet when her disguised lover's form loomed up before her, and a shriek would have escaped her lips had he not darted to her side, and whispered her name in his well-known voice

And now for the escape, whose very avenue seemed freighted with death. Bidding Editha be silent, Volney lifted her in his arms, stepped over her still soundly-sleeping guards, and glided away in the

They had nearly reached the boundary of the camp, and the young colonist was con-gratulating Editha upon the success of his plans, when his ear caught the sound of a

ursuing footstep He turned to calculate his peril, and confronted a savage. "The Wampanoag is a thief," hissed the red-man. "Let him take the White Flow-

er back to the lodge, and Talma will hold his tongue."
"Never!" cried Volney, and, drawing his tomahawk, he sent the Indian down in the

throes of death. A chilling shriek welled from the Wampanoag's throat, as he staggered backward and, instantly, the earth seemed alive with

Seeing his peril, the colonist raised Editha from the ground, and ran forward with all his speed. Well might he run, for four hundred yelling demons were upon his

him straight ahead to the precipice that crowned a turbid New England stream. He gained the cliff a few yards in advance of his frenzied pursuers, upon whom he turned with a shout of mingled triumph and

They hovered around his flanks, and drove

"Do not surrender, Volney," said Editha,

"Lordy, Billee, y'u'll kill this ole hoss yit!" he gasped, and then another fit supervened, that stopped his talking for fully five

Every eye, aglow with eagerness, was fixed on Rube and Grady, for they knew something rich was coming. "Durn it all, Rube, stop yer cacklin' an' tell us what it ar'!" cried one of the boys. "What it ar'! He-he-hee! What it ar'! Ax Billee, he'll tell yer, fer durned ef I kin

But he finally exhausted himself, and rose

to a sitting posture.
"Boyees," said he, with sudden gravity, that was even more ludicrous than his laughing —"boyees, did enny uv yer ever tie two ole tom-cats' tails tergither an' sling em over the ole 'oman's cloze-line? Say "Yes! Sartin! Menny a time!"

uttered by several of the party.
"Funny, warn't it, boyees? But did enny uv yer ever rope two buffler-bulls thet aay, and see them fout?"
"Thet's a durned lie!" suddenly ejacula-

What's a durn lie, Benny?" asked Rube good-naturedly

"Why, 'bout them bufflers," said Ben.
"I didn't say as I hed done it, did I? I
n'y axed ef enny uv yer hed," replied Rube, with a wink.
"Yer lie!" snapped Ben, who sullenly turned away, and recommenced on the ril

he had just toasted.

"But, boyees, it hain't no lie." continued Rube.

"Me an' Bille thar' did fix ther bufflers! didn't we, Billee?"
"We jess did," replied that worthy.

"Yes, we did, an'—he-he-h-o-o!—we got fixed ourselves! didn't we, Billee?" Nothin' else," said the trapper, gravely "I tell yer, boyees, it war jess the dod rottedest, funniest thing thet ever these hvar

ole eyes—but I'll tell yer how me an' Billee fixed the bulls Onc't him an' me war down by the Staked Plains, lookin' aroun' an' havin' a good time pertickler, fer the bufflers war es plenty es wood-lice in a Kaintuck bottom, in' es tame es a forty-year old sheep wi' a

bell onto him. "What wi' huntin' the critters an' dodgin' the Comanch', we kep' it up lively, but by'm-by ther thing got to be what ther chaps calls monoternous, an' we got thinkin' up sum plan uv havin' a leetle wariety.
"One night when we war layin' in camp thinkin' 'bout how we sh'u'd work it,

ups an' axes me 'bout ther cats an' cloze "I hed a good larf over thinkin' how l done it onc't, an' war standin' lookin' at' em. mux he went, all uv a heap onto ther per-"While Billee's war down mine got up

an' started off jess es ef ther ole devil war arter him, bellerin' at every jump, till he kum to ther eend uv the rope, an' up he 'Then Billee's, he got up an' started, on'y

to be sarved jess es mine hed been, an' so they kep' it up, fust one an' then t'other, till both uv us, Billee an' me, war nigh about dead wi' larfin' 'Every onc't in a while thev'd ketch sight o' one 'nuther, an' then they'd lock

horns fer a reg'lar groun'-scuffle, till one got

tired, or scart, an' would start off an' ketch anuther tumble. "I sw'ar, boyees, I larfed till I war blind es a bat, an' couldn't git my breath fer more'n half a hour.

"When I got up offen the grass, fer I'd fell off the hoss, I see a sight thet kinder took ther larf right outen me, I tell yer. "Thar' war Billee, standin' off 'bout twenty yard from whar' I lay, wi' two big Comanch' warriors a holt uv him, an' afore I ked edzackly un'erstan' thet it war a fack feet edzacky in fersan inet it war a rack, I felt my arms grupped from behind, an' foun' myself in the same fix.

"Yes, sirree! While we war larfin' at ther bulls, ther imps hed stalked us, me an' Billee, two uv ther best 'uns on ther border, an' hed us fast an tight.

All this time the bulls war at it, an' the Injuns holdin' onto us an' larfin' fit to kill

'Purty soon the whole band got roun' us an' begin jabberin' an' larfin', an' p'intin' at ther bulls an' then at us, an' then yowltin' wuss'n ever.
"'Lordy, Rube!' sez Billee, all uv a suddent. 'The imps ar' a-goin' to rope us.'

"An' durn me ef they warn't. An', what's more, they did. "They fetched a lariat an' tied it roun' our necks, an' then cuttin' a lot uv muskeet switches, they lit in an' started us a-playin' tom-cats swung over the cloze-line

'It makes my ole neck smart ter think about it till yit. "Fer awhile Billee an' me tried not to hurt each other more'n posserble, but by'm-by we both got mad. Me thinkin' Billee pulled harder'n needcessary, an' him think-in' thet I did ther same. An' then it war lively, I tell yer.
"The more we tumbled the madder we

both got, an' ther madder we got ther wuss them Comanch' larfed. What a sight it must 'a' been ! Us two an' the bulls playin' at ther same

game.
"'Twur funny fer the Injuns, monstrous